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LIBERTY UTILITIES (BELLA VISTA WATER) CORP. - APPLICATION

EXTENSION AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY

SERVICE IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

(DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207)

Attached is the Staff Report for the above-referenced application. Staff is recommending approval of the application with conditions.

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BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207

APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

STAFF ACKOWLEDGEMENT

The Staff Report for Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. (Docket No. W-02465A-13-0207) was the responsibility of the Staff members listed below. Vicki Wallace was responsible for the review and analyses of the Company's application and preparation of the Division's Staff Report; Michael Thompson was responsible for the engineering and technical analysis; and Mary Rimback was responsible for the financial analysis.

Vicki Wallace

Executive Consultant

Michael Thompson Utilities Engineer

Mary Rimback
Public Utility Analyst

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207

On June 26, 2013, Bella Vista Water Company, Inc., d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("BVWC") or "Company"), a certificated Arizona public service corporation, filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission") requesting approval for an extension of an existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water service in Cochise County, Arizona.

Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation, authorized by the ACC to provide water service in Cochise County, Arizona. By this application, BVWC is seeking to extend the BVWC South System's CC&N to provide potable water service to the eastern portion of Kings Ranch at Coronada Subdivision (the "Development") formerly named Kinjockity Ranch Estates. The Development consists of approximately 303 lots on a gross area of approximately 840 acres. There are approximately 213 lots located within the existing CC&N and approximately 87 lots located outside the CC&N. The 87 lots comprise the requested extension area.

Staff concludes that the existing BVWC system has adequate production and storage capacity to serve the existing base of customers in the existing CC&N, and the described plant will provide the Company with sufficient capacity to serve the requested extension area.

Staff concludes that the Development's water system infrastructure cost totaling \$2,975,030 appears to be reasonable. However, approval of this CC&N application does not imply any particular future treatment for rate base. No "used and useful" determination of the proposed plant in service was made, and no conclusions should be inferred for future rate making or rate base purposes.

Staff concludes this request for extension of BVWC's CC&N is in the public interest, subject to the conditions below.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve BVWC's application for an extension of its existing CC&N in Cochise County to provide water service, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- 1. To require BVWC to charge its existing rates and charges in the proposed extension area.
- 2. Since Staff is concerned about a continued over-reliance on Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC") and Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CIAC"), the Company is placed on notice that, to the extent possible, it should plan to fund future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt in order to bring more balance to its capital structure.

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INTRODUCTION

On June 26, 2013, Bella Vista Water Company, Inc., d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("BVWC") or "Company filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission") requesting approval for an extension of an existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water service in Cochise County, Arizona.

On July 25, 2013, the ACC Utilities Division ("Staff") filed an Insufficiency Letter indicating that the Company's application did not meet the sufficiency requirements of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-402. On August 9, 2013, the Staff received the Company's response to the Insufficiency Letter. On August 28, 2013, Staff filed its Sufficiency Letter indicating that the application had met the sufficiency requirements of the A.A.C.

On September 6, 2013, a Procedural Order was issued setting the matter for hearing November 6, 2013.

BACKGROUND

BVWC is a public service corporation formed for the purpose of providing water utility service in portions of Cochise County, Arizona, and is in good standing with the Commission's Corporations Division. BVWC started as Newman Water Company, and received a CC&N in 1955 to serve an area around Sierra Vista, Arizona (Decision No. 28866 issued April 18, 1955). BVWC took its current name in 1981. It then acquired and consolidated the operations of Nicksville Water Company in 1999. Algonquin Water Resources of America, Inc., the predecessor to Liberty Water, acquired BVWC in 2002.

BVWC currently serves 8,680 residential and commercial/industrial customers located in Cochise County, and its current rates were established in Decision No. 72251 issued April 7, 2011.

By this application, BVWC is seeking to extend the BVWC South System's CC&N to provide potable water service to the eastern portion of Kings Ranch at Coronada Subdivision (the "Development") formerly named Kinjockity Ranch Estates. The Development consists of 303 lots on a gross area of approximately 840 acres. Three of the 303 lots were deeded back to the Cochise County Flood District to be utilized for flood control purposes. Of the remaining 300 lots, 298 lots will be utilized for single family residences, and 2 lots are planned for commercial use. There are 213 lots located within the existing CC&N and 87 lots located outside the CC&N. The 87 lots comprise the requested extension area. The 87 lot, 236-acre land parcel is located approximately 10 miles south of Sierra Vista on SR92 and is contiguous to BVWC's existing CC&N territory. Exhibit 1 is the legal description and map of the proposed extension area. The request for service from the Developer of the entire 303-lot Subdivision, K Ranch, LLC, was attached to the application.

THE WATER SYSTEM

Staff's Engineering Report, attached as Exhibit 2, describes the existing water system, the proposed utility plant additions of the Development, and the cost breakdown in detail. The water system of the BVWC – South System CC&N includes 13 wells, 15 storage tanks, and 12 booster systems. Water loss for the system was reported to be 8.25 percent which is within acceptable limits.

Staff concludes that the existing system has adequate production and storage capacity to serve the existing base of customers in the existing CC&N.

As part of the CC&N extension application, BVWC submitted an updated Water Master Plan ("Plan") prepared by Westland Resources, Inc. for the Development, dated June 4, 2012. The Plan provided information pertaining to the Subdivision's water system facilities, water demand criteria and projections, storage and booster station criteria and capacities, well criteria and production, and pressure zones.

To serve the requested extension area, the Company has installed new plant items, including but not limited to: (1) one new 197 GPM ("gallons per minute") well; (2) two storage tanks at 100,000 and 500,000 gallons each; (3) two booster stations (two 300 GPM booster pumps each); (4) one 5,000 gallon hydro-pneumatic pressure tank; (5) 45,021 linear feet of 8-inch pipe; (6) 15,416 linear feet of 6-inch pipe; and (7) 817 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

Staff concludes that the plant items listed above will provide the Company with sufficient capacity to serve the Subdivision within the existing CC&N and the requested CC&N area at full build-out.

Staff further concludes that the Development's water system infrastructure cost totaling \$2,975,030 appears to be reasonable. However, no "used and useful" determinations of the proposed plant items were made, and no particular treatment should be inferred for rate making or rate base purposes.

FINANCE OF FACILITIES

The Company indicates that BVWC will finance the required infrastructure by use of a Main Line Extension Agreement (MXA) between the Company and the Developer(s) which is treated as Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC") to the Company. The original MXA for the Development, dated August 17, 2006, was between BVWC and Dunafon Development, LLC. The MXA provided for the financing, construction, and installation of water utility plant facilities that would furnish water service for the Development. On May 14, 2013, an amended MXA was executed between Liberty Utilities and the current Developer, K Ranch, LLC ("K-Ranch" or "Developer"). K-Ranch is the successor-in-interest to the original Developer, Dunafon Development, LLC.

Construction and installation of the water system infrastructure has been completed since most of the Development is within the CC&N, and an Approval of Construction ("AOC") has been issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ").

Financial information submitted by the company was reviewed by staff, and a capital structure analysis performed. This analysis is included in the Financial and Regulatory Analyst Staff Report, Exhibit 3.

Based on the capital structure analysis, Staff is concerned about a continuing over-reliance on AIAC and CIAC. Therefore, as a condition of approval of this extension request, Staff recommends that the Company be placed on notice that, to the extent reasonably possible, it should plan to fund future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt in order to bring more balance to its capital structure mix. The Company's long-term goal should be to have a combined net AIAC and CIAC funding ratio significantly lower than the current AIAC and CIAC ratio which exceeds 60% of total capital.

PROPOSED RATES

BVWC has proposed to extend service to the extension property at its currently approved tariffed rates and charges established in Decision No. 72251 issued April 7, 2011.

CONSUMER SERVICES AND PUBLIC INTEREST

A research of the Consumer Services database for complaints revealed that in the last three years, approximately 17 complaints have been received. All complaints have been resolved and closed. No opinions opposing this application have been received.

Staff concludes that it is in the public interest to approve this request for an extension of BVWC's CC&N.

WASTEWATER PROVIDER

According to the Company, wastewater service in the requested extension area will be provided by individual septic systems designed for each residence and permitted at the time of construction of the individual residence.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ("ADEQ") COMPLIANCE

Compliance Status

ADEQ regulates the BVWC South water system under ADEQ Public Water System I.D. #02-007. ADEQ has reported that the water system is currently delivering water that meets the water quality standards required by 40 CFR 141 (National Primary Drinking Water Regulations) and Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 4.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ("ADWR") COMPLIANCE

Compliance Status

The BVWC South water system is not located in an Active Management Area. ADWR has determined that BVWC South is currently in compliance with departmental requirements governing water providers and/or community water systems.

Adequate Water Supply

ADWR issued a Water Adequacy Report, for the 281 lot Subdivision formerly named Kinjockity Ranch, indicating that the water supply is adequate to meet the Subdivision's projected needs. ADWR indicated to Engineering Staff that the Water Adequacy Report issued for Kinjockity Ranch remains applicable to all subsequent owners of the Subdivision. ADWR advised that should the number of lots increase by more than 10 percent, a new water report would be required. However, since the number of lots in the Subdivision has only increased by 7 percent (281 lots to 300 lots), the water report remains applicable.

ACC COMPLIANCE

According to the Utilities Division Compliance Section, the Company has no delinquent ACC compliance items.

CURTAILMENT, BACKFLOW PREVENTION, AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ("BMP") TARIFFS

BVWC has approved curtailment, backflow prevention, and BMP tariffs on file with the Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve BVWC's application for an extension of its existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Cochise County to provide water service, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- 1. To require BVWC to charge its existing rates and charges in the proposed extension area; and
- 2. Since Staff is concerned about a continued over-reliance on Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC") and Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CIAC"), the Company is placed on notice that, to the extent possible, it should plan to fund future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt in order to bring more balance to its capital structure.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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Executive Consultant III

Utilities Division

FROM:

Lori H. Miller

Utilities Division

THRU:

Del Smith

Engineering Supervisor

Utilities Division

DATE:

July 11, 2013

RE:

BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. (DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207)

. The area requested by Bella Vista for an extension has been plotted with no complications using the legal description provided with the application (a copy of which is attached).

Also attached is a copy of the map for your files.

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Greg Sorensen

Mr. Patrick Black

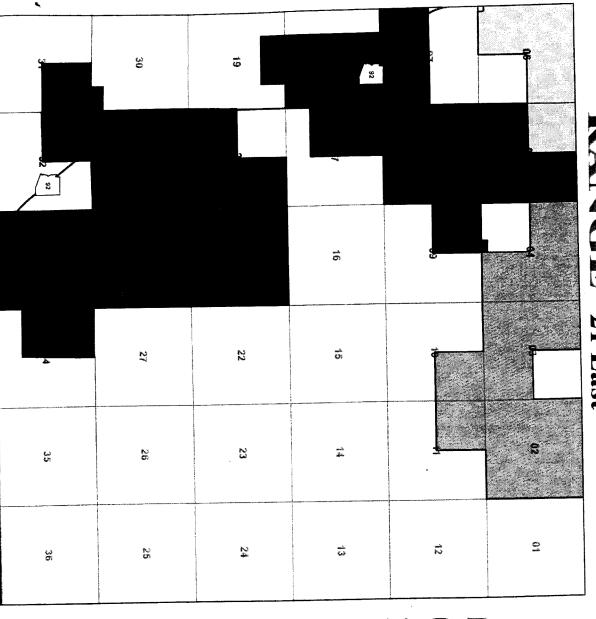
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Application for Extension Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. Docket No. W-02465A-13-0207



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Land Description

That portion of the West ½ of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona, more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 34;

Thence South 89° 11' 31" East coincident with the North line of Section 34 a distance of 2648.29 feet to the North ¼ corner of Section 34:

Thence South 00° 48' 03" West coincident with the North-South mid-section line of Section 34 a distance of 2617.06 feet to the Center ½ corner of Section 34;

Thence South 00° 48' 01" West coincident with the North-South mid-section line of Section 34 a distance of 1256.07 feet to the Northeast corner of the Valley View Elementary School as recorded in Fee # 980205232;

Thence North 89° 55' 13" West a distance of 2628.13 feet to the Northwest corner of said Valley View Elementary School;

Thence North 00° 30' 07" East coincident with the West line of Section 34 a distance of 3906.59 feet to the **Point of Beginning**.

Subject to any and all prior easements, rights-of-way, covenants, restrictions and encumbrances of record or not of record that may otherwise legally exist.



King's Ranch at Coronado The Eastern portion in Section 34 Containing 235.58 acres more or less 05/11/2012

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Vicki Wallace

Executive Consultant

FROM:

Michael S. Thompson, P.E.

Utilities Engineer Supervisor

DATE:

September 9, 2013

RE:

Bella Vista Water Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207 (CC&N EXTENSION)

Introduction

Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. ("BVWC" or "Company") dba Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Utilities" or "Utility") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission"), on June 26, 2013, to extend the BVWC South System Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide potable water service to the eastern portion of Kings Ranch at Coronado Subdivision (the "Development") formerly named Kinjockity Ranch Estates.

The Development, which has been platted as a Conservation Easement Subdivision, consists of 303 lots on a gross area of approximately 840 acres. Development is located north of SR92 approximately 10 miles south of Sierra Vista, in portions of Sections 32 through 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian in Cochise County, Arizona. Approximately 427 acres of the 840 acres have been set aside as a water conservation easement and remain in their natural state. Approximately 604 acres of the 840-acre Development are located within the existing BVWC South System CC&N. The requested extension area, which is located in the West ½ of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East and adjacent to the existing CC&N, encompasses the remaining 236 acres of the Development. Three of the 303 lots were deeded back to the Cochise County Flood District to be utilized for flood control purposes. Of the remaining 300 lots, 298 lots will be utilized for single family residences ("SFR"), and 2 lots are planned for commercial use. There are 213 lots located within the existing CC&N and 87 lots located outside the existing CC&N. The 87 lots comprise the requested extension area. Figure 1 shows the location of BVWC water systems. Figure 2 identifies the Development area highlighted with a bold red border, and the existing CC&N and CC&N extension areas highlighted in blue, and green with diagonal lines, respectively.

Bella Vista Water Company - South System

The BVWC – South system CC&N consists of approximately 5,300 acres and currently includes 693 service connections. The water system includes 13 wells (ranging from 3 – 95 gallons per minute ("gpm")), 15 storage tanks (ranging from 5,000 to 150,000 gallons of capacity), and 12 booster stations. Water loss for the system was reported to be 8.25% which is within acceptable limits. The historical growth rate has been less than 1/2 percent. Staff concludes that the existing water system has adequate production and storage capacity to serve the existing base of customers within the BVWC – South System CC&N.

Development Water System Infrastructure (Utility Plant Additions)

As part of the CC&N extension application, BWVC submitted an updated Water Master Plan ("Plan") prepared by Westland Resources, Inc. for the Development, dated June 4, 2012. The Plan provided information pertaining to the subdivisions water system facilities, water demand criteria and projections, storage and booster station criteria and capacities, well criteria and production, and pressure zones.

The original Main Extension Agreement ("MXA") for the Development, dated August 17, 2006, was signed by and between BVWC and Dunafon Development, LLC. The MXA provided for the financing, construction, and installation of water utility plant facilities that would furnish water service for the Development. On May 14, 2013, an amended MXA was signed by and between Liberty Utilities and the current developer K Ranch, LLC ("K-Ranch" or "Developer"). K-Ranch is the successor-in-interest to the original developer, Dunafon Development, LLC.

Construction and installation of the water system infrastructure has been completed, and an Approval of Construction ("AOC") has been issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). Currently, the contractor is in the process of completing construction and installation deficiencies included on a punch list. BVWC will take ownership of the infrastructure within the existing CC&N from the Developer once the construction punch list has been completed and a final inspection has been conducted. They will also take ownership of the infrastructure within the CC&N extension area after the punch list has been completed, a final inspection conducted, and the ACC has provided approval of the CC&N extension.

The water system infrastructure includes one well, chlorine building and equipment, two storage tanks (100,000 and 500,000 gallons each), two booster pump stations, a 5,000 gallon hydro-pneumatic pressure tank, 45,021 linear feet ("If") of 8-inch poly vinyl chloride (PVC) pipe, 15,416 If of 6-inch PVC pipe, and 817 If of 8-inch ductile iron ("DI") pipe. Each booster pump station has two pumps, each equipped with a 40 horsepower motor designed for a pumping capacity of 300 gpm.

The water system consists of two main water plant sites (Lower and Upper Zone plant sites) serving two primary pressure zones (4980 and 5080 Zones) and one sub-zone (4880 Zone). The Lower Zone water plant site, located in the 4880 Zone, includes the well that fills a 100,000 gallon on-site storage tank, and a booster pump station that moves water from the 100,000 gallon storage tank to a 500,000 gallon storage tank located at the Upper Zone water plant site in the 5080 Zone. The 100,000 gallon storage tank simply serves as a (forebay) reservoir storing water from the well prior to pumping into the water system to serve the 4880/4980 Zone, and the 500,000 gallon storage tank. The Upper Zone water plant site, located in the 5080 Zone, includes the 500,000 gallon storage tank, 5,000 gallon hydro-pneumatic pressure tank, and a booster pump station. The 500,000 gallon storage tank is the primary tank serving the water system. The storage tank serves the 4980/4880 Zone via gravity feed, and serves the 5080 Zone via the booster pump station.

According to the Plan, the projected water demand for the water system was based on the historical water usage data from the BVWC – South System. The data indicates an average daily demand ("ADD") of 313 gallons per day ("gpd") per connection, with a peak day factor of 2.0 resulting in a peak daily demand ("PDD") of 626 gpd per connection. Fire flow requirements are based on 500 gpm for a duration of two hours for all uses per the requirements of the local fire department, the Palominas Fire District.

Per BVWC's Development Guide for Southern Arizona, storage requirements are based on a factor of 1.75 times the ADD, plus fire flow. The Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") relating to storage requirements is less conservative. The water system has a projected ADD of 117,304 gallons and a fire flow requirement of 60,000 gallons, resulting in a total storage requirement of 265,300 gallons when utilizing BVWC's storage requirement factor. The water system consists of two storage tanks with a combined storage capacity of 600,000 gallons. That storage capacity exceeds BVWC's storage requirement, as well as that of the AAC.

The domestic and fire flow needs of the 5080 Zone system will be served by the pressure controlled booster station located at the Upper Zone water plant site. The booster station capacity requirements, for the 5080 Zone, are based on meeting the demands by the booster pressure control for 19 SFR's and two commercial lots. The PDD plus fire flow requirements govern and thus the booster station must be capable of providing 541 gpm (41 gpm PDD + 500 gpm Fire Flow). The Upper Zone booster

¹ The forebay reservoir does not directly connect to or "float" any areas of the water system. The primary purpose of the reservoir is to store water from the well. When required, water is pumped from the reservoir to the Upper Zone storage tank via the 4980 Zone.

² AAC R18-5-503 provides as follows: "Storage Requirements. A. The minimum storage capacity for a CWS or a noncommunity water system that serves a residential population or a school shall be equal to the average daily demand during the peak month of the year. Storage capacity may be based on existing consumption and phased as the water system expands."

station consists of two identical booster pumps each having a pumping capacity of 300 gpm. The total pumping capacity equals 600 gpm, exceeding the 541 gpm requirement.

The domestic and fire flow needs of the 4980/4880 Zone system will be served by the Upper Zone 500,000 gallon storage tank. Therefore, the Lower Zone booster station will not be required to provide fire flow. However, the booster station is required to provide PDD, since the storage tank provides capacity to supply the system during peak hourly demand ("PHD"), PDD, and fire flow conditions. The entire water system has a total PDD of 162 gpm. The Lower Zone booster station consists of two identical booster pumps each having a pumping capacity of 300 gpm. The total pumping capacity equals 600 gpm, exceeding the 162 gpm requirement.

The well located at the Lower Zone water plant site consists of a 40 horsepower motor and pump with an average pumping capacity of 197 gpm. The well serves only the Development. However, an interconnect that has been installed at the northern boundary of the Development, and adjacent to the Wildhorse subdivision, allows water to be moved in either direction should a need for additional water arise. Staff concludes that the newly constructed water system has sufficient well production, booster pump capacity, and storage capacity to serve the Development.

Water System Infrastructure (Utility Plant Additions) Cost Estimates

Actual costs for the water system infrastructure, submitted by BVWC, were prepared and provided by KE&G Construction Company. A breakdown of the construction costs, as detailed in the tables below, delineate the costs for the Utility Plant Additions within the existing CC&N, and costs for Utility Plant Additions outside the CC&N (CC&N extension), as well as segregating the associated costs of the Well, Storage Tank, and Booster Station Site. The total cost for the water system infrastructure is \$2,975,030.00.

Table 1. Well, Storage Tank, and Booster Station Site Costs

	Description	Amount	 Unit Cost	Cost
	Well, Storage Tank, and Booster Station Site Costs			
1	Well & pump – lower zone	1 ea	\$ 120,273.00	\$ 120,273.00
2	Chlorine building & equipment	2 ea	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
3	Booster package plant and fittings	1 ea	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
4	100,000 gallon storage tank	1 ea	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00
5	Shade covers / concrete slab	l ea	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
6	Well site rock	1 ls	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
7	Miscellaneous and electrical work	1 ls	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
8	Fencing of well, storage tank, and booster site	1 ls	\$ 7,011.00	\$ 7,011.00
			Sub-total	\$ 299,134.00
			Taxes	\$ 10,888.00
			Total	\$ 310,022.00

Table 2. Utility Plant Addition Costs within the Existing CC&N

	Description	Amount	à di	Unit Cost	Cost
	Utility Plant Costs within the Existing CC&N				
1	8 inch PVC pipe	34,668 lf	\$	28.27	\$ 980,064.00
2	6 inch PVC pipe	10,674 lf	\$	20.28	\$ 216,469.00
3	8 inch DI pipe - wild horse interconnect	817 ea	\$	47.37	\$ 38,700.00
4	8 inch valves, bends, tees, misc.	87 ea	\$	1,350.00	\$ 117,450.00
5	6 inch valves, bends, tees, misc.	29 ea	\$	800.00	\$ 23,200.00
6	8 inch valves, bends, tees, misc wild horse int.	3 ea	\$	1,617.00	\$ 4,851.00
7	8 inch PRV's and vaults	4 ea	\$	25,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
8	Hydrants, valves, misc.	38 ea	\$	3,132.00	\$ 119,016.00
9	ARV	1 ea	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10	Water services and boxes	213 ea	\$	330.00	\$ 70,290.00
11	Sample Station	1 ea	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
12	500,000 gallon storage tank – upper zone	1 ea	\$	250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
13	Hydro-pneumatic tank – upper zone	1 ea	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
14	Booster pumps and fittings – upper zone	2 ea	\$	30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
15	Shade cover / concrete slab	1 ls	\$	22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
16	Fencing of tank site	1 is	\$	12,945.00	\$ 12,945.00
17	Miscellaneous and electrical work	l ls	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
				Sub-total	\$ 2,052,485.00
				Taxes	\$ 74,711.00
				Total	\$ 2,127,196.00

Table 3. Utility Plant Addition Costs within the CC&N Extension Area

- 1	Description	Amount	Unit Cost) No 22	Cost
	Utility Plant Costs within the CC&N Extension			L	
1	8 inch PVC pipe	10,353 lf	\$ 28.27	\$	292,679.00
2	6 inch PVC pipe	4,742 lf	\$ 20.28	\$	96,168.00
3	8 inch valves, bends, tees, misc.	39 ea	\$ 1,350.00	\$	52,650.00
4	6 inch valves, bends, tees, misc.	10 ea	\$ 800.00	\$	8,000.00
5	Hydrants, valves, misc.	13 ea	\$ 3,132.00		
6	Water services and boxes	87 ea	\$ 330.00	\$	28,710.00
			Sub-total	\$	518,923.00
			 Taxes	\$	18,889.00
			 Total	\$	537,812.00

Table 4. Utility Plant and Well, Storage Tank, & Booster Station Site Total Costs

	Description	Total Costs
	Utility Plant and Well, Storage Tank, & Booster Station Site Costs	
1	Well, Storage Tank, and Booster Station Site	\$ 310,022.00
2	Utility Plant Costs within the Existing CC&N	\$ 2,127,196.00
3	Utility Plant Costs within the CC&N Extension Area	\$ 537,812.00
	Total	\$ 2,975,030.00

As expressed in the amended MXA, costs associated with the construction of the water system infrastructure are funded by the Developer through advances in aid of construction.

Staff concludes that the Development's water system infrastructure cost totaling \$2,975,030 appears to be reasonable. However, no "used and useful" determinations of the proposed plant items were made, and no particular treatment should be inferred for rate making or rate base purposes.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") Compliance

Compliance Status

ADEQ regulates the BVWC South water system under ADEQ Public Water System I.D. # 02-007. ADEQ has reported that the water system is currently delivering water that meets water quality standards required by 40 CFR 141 (National Primary Drinking Water Regulations) and Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 4.³

Approval of Construction ("AOC")

BVWC has received an AOC from ADEQ for the water system infrastructure constructed to serve the requested area.⁴

Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") Compliance

Compliance Status

The BVWC South water system is not located in an Active Management Area. ADWR has determined that BVWC South is currently in compliance with departmental requirements governing water providers and/or community water systems.⁵

Adequate Water Supply

ADWR issued a Water Adequacy Report for the 281 lot subdivision formerly named Kinjockity Ranch, indicating that the water supply is adequate to meet the subdivision's projected needs. An email from ADWR, dated June 9, 2011, stated that the Water Adequacy Report issued for Kinjockity Ranch remains applicable to all subsequent owners of the subdivision. Therefore, the transfer of ownership of the subdivision from Dunafon Development, LLC to K Ranch, LLC ("K-Ranch" or "Developer") does not change the applicability of the report. The email further states that

³ ADEQ Drinking Water Compliance Status Report dated July12, 2013.

⁴ ADEQ Approval of Construction dated September 13, 2012.

⁵ Per ADWR Water Provider Compliance Status Report dated July 8, 2013.

⁶ Per ADWR Water Adequacy Report dated October 6, 2005

should the number of lots increase by more than 10%, a new water report would be required. However, since the number of lots in the subdivision has only increased by 7% (281 lots to 300 lots), the water report remains applicable.

ACC Compliance

A check with the Utilities Division Compliance Section showed that there are currently no delinquent compliance items for the Company.⁷

Curtailment Tariff

BVWC has an approved curtailment tariff on file with the Commission.

Backflow Prevention Tariff

BVWC has an approved backflow prevention tariff on file with the Commission.

Best Management Practice ("BMP") Tariff

BVWC has approved BMP Tariffs on file with the Commission.

Summary

Conclusions

- 1. Staff concludes that that the existing water system has adequate production and storage capacity to serve the existing base of customers within the BVWC South System CC&N.
- 2. Staff concludes that the newly constructed water system, as outlined in the MXA and Updated Water Master Plan, has sufficient well production, booster pump capacities, and storage capacities to serve the Development subdivision located within BVWC South's existing CC&N and the requested CC&N extension area.
- 3. Staff concludes that the actual cost, totaling \$2,975,030, for the water system infrastructure to serve the Development subdivision appears to be reasonable. No "used and useful" determinations of the proposed plant items were made, and no particular treatment should be inferred for rate making or rate base purposes.
- 4. Staff concludes that the Development consists of 303 lots, with 3 being utilized for flood control, 298 for SFR's, and 2 for commercial purposes.

⁷ Per ACC Compliance status check dated June 10, 2013.

- 5. Staff concludes that of the 300 residential and commercial lots, 213 lots are located within the existing CC&N, and 87 lots are located within the CC&N extension area.
- 6. ADEQ reported that BVWC's South water system is currently delivering water that meets water quality standards required by 40 CFR 141 (National Primary Drinking Water Regulations) and Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 4.
- 7. BVWC has received an AOC, from ADEQ, for the water system infrastructure constructed to serve the Development subdivision.
- 8. ADWR has determined that BVWC is currently in compliance with departmental requirements governing water providers and/or community water systems.
- 9. ADWR has issued a Water Adequacy Report for the Development subdivision indicating the water supply is adequate to meet the subdivision's projected needs.
- 10. The Utilities Division Compliance Section has reported that BVWC has no delinquent compliance items.
- 11. BWVC has approved curtailment, backflow prevention, and BMP tariffs.

COCHISE COUNTY

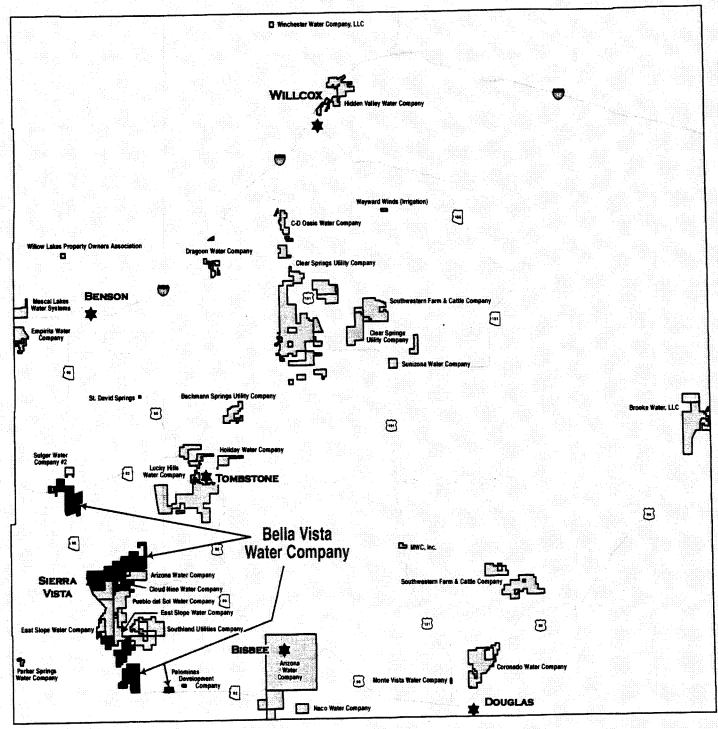
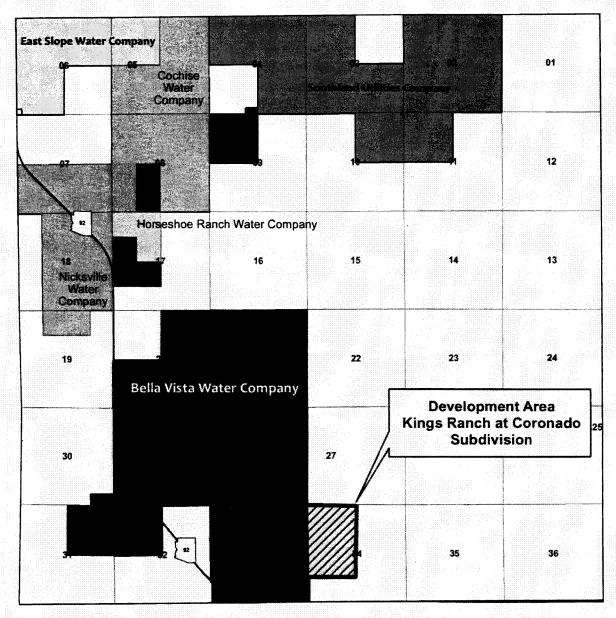


Figure 1. County Map

COCHISE COUNTY





Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. Docket No. W-02465A-13-0207 Application for Extension

Figure 2. Certified and Extension Areas

FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM

TO: Vicky Wallace, Executive Consultant

FROM: Mary J. Rimback, Public Utilities Analyst

DATE: September 20, 2013

RE: APPLICATION OF BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC FOR AN

EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER AND UTILITY SERVICE IN COCHISE

COUNTY DOCKET NO. W-02465A-13-0207

On June 26, 2013, Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. DBA Liberty Utilities ("Bella Vista" or "Company") filed an Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 40-282 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-2-402 for Extension of its existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water utility service in certain defined portions of Cochise County, Arizona.

The area covered by this application includes an approximate 236-acre land parcel located approximately ten (10) miles south of Sierra Vista on SR92. The parcel is entirely owned by the developer, K Ranch, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, and is part of a larger development, which includes a total of 303 residential lots and common areas. The remainder of the development is within the Applicant's existing CC&N.

The Company provided projections of its annual revenues and expenses for the first five years following the approval of the application and estimates of the value of its utility plant in service at the end of each of the first five years following the approval of the Application. The Company projects an operating loss for each of the projected years as follows: Year 1, (\$7,442); Year 2, (\$12,975); Year 3, (\$11,860); Year 4, (\$10,623) and Year 5 (\$7,568).

The Company's application provided as Exhibit 9: "Statement of Financial Condition". Exhibit 9 included a copy of the balance sheet from the Company's filing of the Utilities Division Annual Report to the Commission for the year ending 12/31/2012. No income statement was filed with the application, but an income statement was filed with the Company's Utilities Division Annual Report to the Commission for the year ending 12/31/2012.

The Company's application provided as Exhibit 11: "Water Line Extension Agreement dated August 17, 2006" ("Agreement") for this project. In the Agreement, the Developer agrees to fund the development with Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC") and all are refundable to the Developer. The original Agreement included an amount of AIAC of \$2,645,956. The First Amendment to this agreement was executed May 14, 2013; the original AIAC was replaced with

a new AIAC amount of \$3,048,986. The amended amount of \$3,048,986 is included in the Capital Structure Analysis attached to this memorandum.

As noted on the Capital Structure Analysis, Staff normally recommends that the combined AIAC and net CIAC Funding ratio not exceed 30 percent of total capital for private and investor owned utilities.

At 12/31/2012, combined AIAC (\$9,433,945) and net CIAC (\$607,241) is \$10,041,186. Total capital inclusive of AIAC and CIAC is \$17,656,196. The combined total AIAC and net CIAC is 57 percent of total capital.

Pro-forma at 12/31/2012, (including the proposed CC&N extension) the combined AIAC (\$12,482,931) and net CIAC (\$607,241) is \$13,090,172. Total capital inclusive of AIAC and net CIAC is \$20,705,182. The combined total AIAC and net CIAC is 63 percent of total capital.

Staff is concerned about a continuing over-reliance on AIAC and CIAC. Staff recommends that the Company be placed on notice that, to the extent reasonably possible, it should plan to fund future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt in order to bring more balance to its capital structure mix. The Company's long-term goal should be to have a combined net AIAC and CIAC funding ratio significantly lower than current and pro forma AIAC and CIAC ratios which exceed 60% of total capital.

Bella Vista Water Company Docket No. W-02465A-13-0207 Application for Extension of CC&N

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CAPITAL STRUCTURE ANALYSIS							
		nnual Report t 12/31/2012			W/CC&N Extension Pro-Forma : 12/31/2012		
1 <u>Capital Structure</u>							
2 Short Term Debt (Current Portion of Notes Paya	ble) \$	131,366	0.74%	\$	131,366		0.63%
3 Long-Term Debt		10,957,238	62.06%		14,006,224		67.65%
4 Common Equity	<u></u>	6,567,592	37,20%		6,567,592		31.72%
5 Total Long Term Debt and Equity	\$	17,656,196	100.00%	\$	20,705,182		100.00%
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7 Capital Structure (Inclusive of AIAC and Net CIA	7C)						
8 Short -term Debt	\$	131,366	0.74%	\$	131,366		0.63%
9 Long-term Debt		916,052	5.19%		916,052		4.42%
10 Common Equity		6,567,592	37.20%		6,5 67,592		31.72%
11 Advances in Aid of Construction ("AIAC")		9,433,945	53.43%		12,482,931	2	60.29%
12 Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CIAC")		607,241	3.44%		607,241		2.93%
13 Total Capital (Inclusive of AIAC and CIAC)	\$	17,656,196	100.00%	\$	20,705,182	•	100.00%
AIAC and CIAC Funding Ratio ²		57%			63%		

¹ Net CIAC Balance (i.e. less: accumulated amortization of contributions.)

² Includes \$3,048,986 AIAC from the Water Line Extension Agreement between Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. (dba Liberty Utilities) and K Ranch LLC.

³ Staff typically recommends that combined AIAC and Net CIAC funding not exceed 30 percent of total capital, inclusive of AIAC and Net CIAC, for private and investor owned utilities.



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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

W-02465A-13-0207 DOCKET NO.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-282 and A.A.C. R14-2-402, Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. ("Applicant"), an Arizona public service corporation, hereby applies to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an Order to approve the extension of its existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide water utility service in certain defined portions of Cochise County, Arizona.

INTRODUCTION

K Ranch, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, ("Developer") owns a 236acre land parcel located approximately ten (10) miles south of Sierra Vista on SR92. This property is part of a larger development known as Kings Ranch at Coronado (the "Development"), the remainder of which is already located within Applicant's existing CC&N. The Development consists of 303 residential lots and common areas. A copy of Developer's written request for service is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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Developer is the successor-in-interest to the original developer, Dunafon Development, L.L.C., which entered into a water line extension agreement with Applicant on August 17, 2006, (the "Extension Agreement"). An extension of its current CC&N is required in order for Applicant to extend water utility service to the entire Development.

APPLICATION

In support of this Application, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a public service corporation formed for the purpose of providing water utility service in portions of Cochise County, Arizona. The proper name, address and corporate structure for Applicant are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.
- 2. Applicant's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.
- 3. Applicant's Certificate of Good Standing from the Arizona Corporation Commission is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.
- 4. The area covered by this Application includes approximately 236 acres, entirely owned by Developer. The Development includes 303 custom graded lots. The estimated total costs for construction of the Development are attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**.
- 5. Applicant's management contact is Greg Sorensen, Liberty Utilities, whose business address is 12725 West Indian Road, Suite D-101, Avondale, Arizona 85323. The telephone number is (623) 298-3747.
- 6. Applicant's operator certified by the ADEQ is Martin Garlant, whose business address is 333 Sala Lane, Rio Rico, Arizona 85648. The telephone number is (520) 619-0133. Mr. Garlant's operator ID No. is: OP009566.
- 7. Applicant's on-site management contact is Steve Carlson, whose business address is 12725 W. Indian School Rd., Suite D-101, Avondale, Arizona 85392.

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- 8. Applicant's attorneys are Fennemore Craig, whose address is 2394 East Camelback Road, Suite 600, Phoenix, Arizona 85016-3429. The individual attorney responsible for this application is Patrick J. Black. Mr. Black's telephone number is (602) 916-5400. All Data Requests or other Requests for Information should be directed to Greg Sorensen, with a copy to Mr. Black's attention, on behalf of Bella Vista Water Company, Inc.
- 9. Applicant will be charging rates in accordance with its tariff on file with the Commission.
- 10. Applicant's estimated annual operating revenues and expenses for the first five years for the extension area are attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.
- 11. Legal descriptions for the requested extension area are attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**.
- 12. A complete description of the constructed facilities is included in the Master Water Plan for the Development, attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**.
 - 13. A general Statement of Financial Condition is attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**.
- 14. A detailed map indicating the area requested by this Application ("Extension Area") is attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**.
- 15. The manner of capitalization and methods of financing employed by Applicant is included in the amended Water Line Extension Agreement dated August 17, 2006, attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**.
 - 16. Applicant's Water Use Data Sheet is attached hereto as **Exhibit 12**.
- 17. The rates and charges proposed for the extension area are Applicant's current rates and charges established in Decision No. 72530 (August 17, 2011).
- 18. Because the majority of the Development is located within Applicant's CC&N, construction of water utility facilities is nearly complete.

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A Professional Corporation Phoenix 19. The estimated numbers of customers to be served in each of the first five years of water utility service to the Extension Area is as follows:

Estimated Number of Residential Customers

1st Year	10
2 nd Year	30
3 rd Year	36
4 th Year	46
5 th Year	70

20. Applicant's estimated annual operating revenue and operating expenses for each of the first five years of operation in the requested Extension Area, is as follows as more particularly described on **Exhibit 6**:

<u>Opera</u>	ting Expenses	<u>Opera</u>	ting Revenue
1st Year	\$9,335	1 st Year	\$1,893
2 nd Year	\$19,946	2 nd Year	\$6,971
3 rd Year	\$22,552	3 rd Year	\$10,692
4 th Year	\$23,984	4 th Year	\$13,361
5 th Year	\$26,764	5 th Year	\$19,196

21. The cumulative plant cost projections within the Extension Area by year for the next five (5) years, as more particularly described in **Exhibit 13**, is as follows:

Plant Cost Projection

1st Year	\$598,882
2 nd Year	\$598,882
3 rd Year	\$598,882
4 th Year	\$598,882
5 th Year	\$598,882

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- 22. Applicant has/shall obtain all appropriate city, county and/or state agency approvals required to provide water utility service in the requested area.
- 23. A copy of Developer's Certificate of Assured Water Supply is attached hereto as **Exhibit 14.**
 - 24. ADEQ Approvals to Construct are attached hereto as **Exhibit 15**.
- 25. There are no municipalities or other water service providers within 5 miles of the requested extension area. As such, no written notice is required. Additionally, the sole landowner within the requested extension area is the Developer requesting service. Although no notice of the filing is required, the landowners will receive copies of this Application.
- 26. Wastewater service will be provided by individual septic systems designed within each residence and permitted at the time of construction of the individual residence.
- A copy of the Developer's full Water Conservation Statement is attached hereto as **Exhibit 16**. The Development has been platted as a Conservation Easement Subdivision. If the 840 acres, approximately 427 acres have been set aside as a conservation easement which is left in its natural state. This allows for water recharge and limits the amount of water usage for over half of the Development. The Developer has also partnered with Cochise County and is participating in a pilot Storm Water Recharge Program. Finally, the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements for Kings Ranch at Coronado contains several water conservation measures, more particularly described in the Water Conservation Statement.
- 28. For the reasons stated herein, Applicant maintains that this Application is in the public interest and should be granted. There is a present need for regulated water utility service in Cochise County to ensure the public health, and foster orderly growth.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the following:

- That the Commission proceeds to consider and act upon this Application as timely as possible and to schedule a hearing, if necessary, on this matter;
- That upon completion of said hearing that the Commission enter an Order approving the Application to include the requested Extension Area as shown in
- That the Commission grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances herein.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of June, 2013.

FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C.

By:

Attorneys for Bella Vista Water Company,

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1		List of Exhibits
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3	1.	Request for water utility service
4	2.	The proper name, address and corporate structure for Applicant.
5	3.	Applicant's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
6 7	4.	Applicant's Certificate of Good Standing from the Arizona Corporation Commission
8	5.	Estimated total construction costs and plant cost projections
9	6.	Estimated annual operating revenues and expenses for the first five years for the
10		extension area.
11	7.	Legal description of the requested extension area.
12	8.	Master Water Plan, Including description of constructed water utility facilities.
13	9.	Applicant's General Statement of Financial Condition.
14	10.	Map of Service Area.
15	11.	Amended Water Line Extension Agreement dated August 17, 2006.
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18	13.	Cumulative Plant Cost Projections.
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Exhibit 1 (Requests for Service)

K RANCH L.L.C.

1601 Paseo San Luis, Suite 202 Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 Telephone: 520-458-9594

June 21, 2013

Mr. Steve Carlson Manager of Development Services Liberty Water 12725 W. Indian School Rd., Ste. D101 Phoenix, AZ 85392

Subject:

Kings Ranch at Coronado Subdivision

Cochise County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Carlson:

This letter shall serve as a request for K Ranch L.L.C., that Liberty Water expand their water service district to include the east portion of their Kings Ranch at Coronado Subdivision in Cochise County, Arizona. The property is 235.58 acres more or less and is part of the 303 Lot Subdivision, the balance, which is currently being served by Liberty Water.

The property is located approximately 10 miles south of Sierra Vista on SR 92, lying in a portion of the West ½ of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian in Cochise County, Arizona. (See attached Legal Description "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B").

If you have any question or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (520) 458-9594 or contact my agent on the project, Michael Cerepanya of MGC Consulting, L.L.C. His number is (520) 909-4707

Sincerely,

KRANCH, L.L.C.

Karol E. George

Manager

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Exhibit 3 (Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws)

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BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC.: The following Articles of Restatement, which Articles also constitute the full text of an amendment to the pre-existing articles, were duly adopted by the shareholders on the day of day of derotes, 1998. 152,008 shares were entitled to vote on the amendment and all 152,008 shares were cast in favor thereof.

ARTICLES OF RESTATEMENT OF BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of the corporation is Bella Vista Water Co., Inc. The Corporation was incorporated December 18, 1979.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE III

<u>INITIAL BUSINESS</u>: The corporation initially intends to engage in and conduct the business of owning and operating certain water distribution and production facilities and providing domestic water service under the laws of the State of Arizona.

ARTICLE IV

<u>AUTHORIZED CAPITAL</u>: The corporation shall have the authority to issue ten million (10,000,000) shares of Common Stock with a Ten Dollar (\$10,00) par value per share.

ARTICLE V

ACOUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF STOCK BY THE CORPORATION: The corporation shall have authority to purchase, take, receive or otherwise acquire, hold, pledge, transfer, or otherwise dispose of shares of its own stock. The corporation's purchase of shares of its own stock may be from, and to the extent of, unreserved and unrestricted surplus available therefore and otherwise as provided under the Arizona General Corporation Law.

ARTICLE VI

EXEMPTION AND INDEMNIFICATION: The private property of the stockholders, directors and officers of this corporation shall be exempt from all corporate debts and liabilities of whatever kind and nature and, further, the existing and former stockholders, directors, officers, employees and agents of this corporation shall be indemnified to the fullest extent allowed by law; provided, however, in no event shall this provision be construed to require the corporation to indemnify any such person where such person unreasonably refuses to permit the corporation, at its own expense and through counsel of its own choosing, to defend him or her in the action.

Danie Resolviolo, President

ARTICLE VII

<u>DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS</u>: The Board of Directors may from time to time, without shareholder approval, distribute on a pro rata basis to the shareholders, out of a capital surplus, a portion of the corporation's assets, in cash or property.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than one (1) nor more than ten (10)Directors. The number and terms of Directors may be changed from time to time in the manner provided by the Bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, a decrease in the number or term of Directors shall not be effective until the end of any present term affected thereby.

DATED this 2s day of perosee , 1998.

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OF

SOUTHWEST WATER CO., INC. (Cochise)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned have voluntarily associated ourselves for the purposes hereinafter specified and desiring to form a corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME. THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION IS SOUTHWEST NATER CO., INC. OKOT

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED IS THE TRANSACTION OF ANY OR ALL LAWFUL BUSINESS FOR
ETHICH CORPORATIONS MAY BE INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF
THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AS THEY MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO
TIME, AND SPECIFICALLY BUT NOT IN LIMITATION THEREOF, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF
WATER LINES AND ALL OTHER FACILITIES PERTINENT TO THE
TRANSMISSION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WALLE, FOR DOMESTIC AND
COMMERCIAL USE ALONG, UPON, UNDER AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC
HIGHWAYS, ROADS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC
PLACES WITHIN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA.

ARTICLE III. INITIAL BUSINESS. THE CORPORATION INITIALLY INTENDS TO OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND CONSTRUCT WATER LINES AND ALL OTHER EACILITIES PERTINENT TO THE TRANSMISSION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USE ALONG, UPON, UNDER AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, ROADS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA.

ARTICLE IV. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL. THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY

TO ISSUE TEN MILLION (10,000,000) SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

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ARTICLE V. STATUTORY AGENT. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INITIAL STATUTORY ACENT OF THE COPORATION IS JOSPIH U. CRACCHIOLO, 1932 VIOLA DRIVE, SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635.

ARTICLE VI. KNOWN PLACE OF BUSINESS. THE KNOWN PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE: 1101 FRY BOULEVARD, SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL

CONSIST OF TWO (2) DIRECTORS. THE PERSONS WHO ARE TO

SERVE AS DIRECTORS UNTIL THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND

QUALIFY ARE:

JOSEPH U. CRACCHIOLO JOSEPH J. DEFRANCESCO 1932 VIOLA DRIVE 125 NACO HICHWAY SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635 BISBEE, ARIZONA 85603

ARTICLE VIII. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO SERVE ON
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE FIXED BY THE SHARFHOLDERS
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OR ANY SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR
THAT PURPOSE, EXCEPT THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SHALL
ALWAYS CONSIST OF NOT FEWER THAN TWO PERSONS NOR MORE
THAN TEN.

ARTICLE IX. MANAGEMENT. THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS WITHIN THE LIMITS PROVIDED ABOVE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALSO MAY FILL ANY VACANCIES WHICH OCCUR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESULTING FROM AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OTHERWISE, PEND ING THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

THE INCORPORATORS AT THE ORGANIZATIONS MEETING SPALL ELECT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION AND THE PERSONS SO ELECTED SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS, WHICH SHALL BE HELD AT SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, OR AT SUCH OTHER PLACE WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN MAY OF EACH YEAR, COMMENCING WITH THE YEAR 1980, UNLESS SAID DAY BE A LEGAL HOLIDAY, IN WHICH EVENT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS SHALL BE HELD ON THE NEXT SUCCEEDING BUSINESS DAY. THE DIRECTORS SHALL EACH YEAR, UPON THEIR ELECTION, ORGANIZE INTO A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BLECT A PRESIDENT, A VICE PRESIDENT, A SECRETARY AND A TREASURER. MORE THAN ONE OFFICE MAY BE HELD BY THE SAME PERSON. THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER SHALL BE STOCKHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL OFFICERS SHALL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFY.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER, WITHOUT ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE STOCKHOLDERS, TO MAKE, ALTER, AMEND OR REPEAL BY-LAWS FOR THIS CORPORATION.

THE BY-LAWS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE FILLING OF SUCH CREATED OFFICES BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ANY OFFICE SO CREATED SHALL CONTINUE FROM YEAR TO YEAR UNTIL ANNULLED

ARTICLE X. QUORUM. A QUORUM AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SHALL CONSIST OF ONE MORE THAN HALF OF THE ELECTED DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE XI. NO ACTION WITHOUT MEETING. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY LAW OR
THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS AT A MEETING, SHALL BE TAKEN UNLESS A MEETING
IS DULY CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
BY-LAWS AND IS ACTUALLY HELD.

BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATORS. THE INCORPORATORS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

JOSEPH U. CRACCHIOLO 1932 VIOLA DRIVE SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85635 JOSEPH J. DEFRANCESCO 125 NACO HICHWAY BISBEE, AZ 85603

ALL POWERS, DITTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INCORPORA-TERS SHALL CEASE AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION FOR FILING, OR, IMMEDIATELY POLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE INITIAL BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE XIII. DISTRIBUTION FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CORPORATION MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, DISTRIBUTE ON
A PRO RATA BASIS TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS OUT OF THE CAPITAL
SURPLUS OF THE CORPORATION A POPTION OF ITS ASSETS, IN
CASH OR PROPERTY.

ARTICLE XIV. REDUCTION OF DEFICITS. THE CORPORATION MAY APPLY ANY PART OR ALL OF ITS CAPITAL SURPLUS TO THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF ANY DEFICIT ARISING FROM LOSSES, HOWEVER INCURRED, BUT ONLY AFTER FIRST ELIMINATING THE EARNED SURPLUS, IF ANY, OF THE CORPORATION BY APPLYING SUCH LOSSES AGAINST EARNED SURPLUS AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH LOSSES EXCEEDING EARNED SURPLUS, IF ANY, AND ONLY UPON AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE HOLDERS OF A MAJORITY OF THE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING VOTING STOCK OF THE CORPORATION TO A MEETING DULY AND PROPERLY NOTICED AND HELD.

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS. SUBJECT TO THE FURTHER PROVISIONS HEREOF, THE CORPORATION SHALL INDEMNIFY ANY AND ALL OF ITS EXISTING AND FORMER DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS AGAINST ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THEM AND EACH OF THEM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LEGAL FEES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES AND AMOUNTS PAID IN SETTLEMENT OR COMPROMISE, WHICH MAY ARISE OR BE INCURRED, RENDERED, OR LEVIED IN ANY LEGAL ACTION BROUGHT OR THREATENED AGAINST ANY OF THEM FOR OR ON ACCOUNT

OF ANY ACTION OR OMISSION ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF IMPLOYMENT AS DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE CORPORATION, WHETHER OR NOT ANY ACTION HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THEM AND WHETHER OR NOT ANY SETTLEMENT OR COMPROMISE IS APPROVED BY A COURT, INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE CORPORATION WHETHER THE LEGAL ACTION BROUGHT OR THREATENED IS BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION OR BY ANY OTHER PERSON. MIEN-EVER ANY EXISTING OR FORMER DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT SHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION OR THE CHAURMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT HE OR SILT. HAS INCURRED OR MAY INCUR EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LEGAL FEES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES AND ANOUNTS PAID IN SULL EMENT OR COMPROMISE IN A LEGAL ACTION BROUGHT OR THREATENED AGAINST SIM OR HER FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY ACTION OR OMESSION ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY HIM OR HER WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOY MENT AS A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE CORPORATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL, AT ITS NEXT RECULAR MEETING OR AT A SPECIAL MEETING PURSUANT TO PROPER NOTICE HELD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THEREAFTER DETERMINE IN GOOD FAITH WHETHER, IN RECARD TO THE MATTER INVOLVED IN THE ACTION OR CONTEMPLATED ACTION, SUCH PERSON ACTED, PATLED TO ACT, OR REFUSED TO ACT WILLFULLY OR WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WITH FRAUDULENT OR CRIMINAL INTENT. IF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES IN COOD FAITH THAT SUCH PERSON DID NOT ACT, FAIL TO ACT, OR REFUSE TO ACT WILL-FULLY OR WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WITH FRAUDULENT OR CRIMINAL INTENT IN REGARD TO THE MATTER INVOLVED IN THE ACTION OR CONTEMPLATED ACTION, INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE MANDATORY AND SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED AS SPECIFIED HEREIN, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH INDENNIFICATION

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SHALL BE AVAILABLE WITH RESPECT TO LIABILITIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1955, AND, PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE INDEMNIFICATION IN ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH THE PERSON TO WHOM INDEMNIFICATION WOULD BE EXTENDED WOULD UNREASONABLY REFUSE TO PERMIT THE CORPORATION, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE AND THROUGH COUNSEL OF ITS OWN CHOOSING, TO DEFEND HIM OR HER IN THE ACTION.

ARTICLE XVI. REPURCIASE OF SHARES. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

CORPORATION MAY, FROM TIME TO THE, CAUSE THE CORPORATION

TO PURCHASE ITS OWN SHARES TO THE EXTENT OF THE UNRESERVED

AND UNRESTRICTED EARNED AND CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE

CORPORATION.

ARTICLE XVII. DIVIDENDS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY AUTHORIZE THE PAY-MENT OF DIVIDENDS TO ALL THE HOLDERS OF SHARES OF ANY CLASS OF STOCK PAYABLE IN SHARES OF ANY OTHER CLASS.

ARTICLE XVIII. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SHAREHOLDERS QUORUM. A QUORUM OF
THE MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS SHALL CONSIST OF FIFTY-ONE
PER CENT (51%) OF THE SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE, REPRESENTED IN PERSON OR BY PROXY.

ARTICLE XIX. VOTING REQUIRED. THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE HOLDERS OF
TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE VOTING STOCK OF THE CORPORATION
PRESENT AND VOTING AT A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORIM IS
PRESENT SHALL, BE REQUIRED FOR ANY ACT OF THE SHAREHOLDLRS

ARTICLE XX. DURATION. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPITUAL.

AKTICLE XXI. EXEMPTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF
ALL SHAREHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL
CORPORATE DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OF ANY NATURE OR KIND
WHATSOEVER.

ARTICLE XXII. THE INCORPORATORS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHER SPECIAL OR GENERAL AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT BORROW MONEY, ENCLMBER OR PLEASE THE STOCK OR ASSETS OF THE

CORPORATION WITHOUT THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS

(2/3) OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALL CLASSES OF VOTING STOCK

AT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE PROPER NOTICE AT WHICH A QUORUM

1S PRESENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto executed this instrument this day of December, 1979.

Joseph J. DeFrancesco

BYLAWS of BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC. (an Arizona Corporation)

ARTICLE I Offices

- Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. The principal office for the transaction of business of the Corporation in Arizona is hereby fixed and located at: 4055 Campus Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636-1150 or at such other location within the State of Arizona as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Any such change shall be noted on the Bylaws by the Secretary opposite this Section, or this Section may be amended to state the new location. The Secretary shall notify the Arizona Corporation Commission of any change in the principal place of business.
- Section 2. OTHER OFFICES. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within or without the State of Arizona, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.
- Section 3. CORPORATE SEAL. A corporate seal shall not be requisite to the validity of any instrument executed by or on behalf of the Corporation, but nevertheless a corporate seal may be adopted by the Board of Directors and used at its direction.

ARTICLE II Meeting of Shareholders

- Section 1. PLACE OF MEETINGS. Unless otherwise specified in the notice of meeting or by resolution of the Board of Directors, all meetings of shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation.
- Section 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS. Unless otherwise specified in the notice of meeting or by resolution of the Board of Directors, annual meetings of the shareholders shall be held on the second Saturday in December. At such meeting, the directors shall be elected, reports of the affairs of the Corporation shall be considered, and any other business may be transacted which is within the powers of the shareholders.
- Section 3. ANNUAL MEETING CALLED BY SHAREHOLDER. In the event an annual meeting is not held the earlier of three (3) months after the date fixed therefore, or fifteen (15) months after the last annual meeting, then any shareholder may call the annual meeting by providing notice thereof, as required by these Bylaws. At such meeting, the directors may be elected and the shareholders may transact other business with the same force and effect as at an annual meeting otherwise duly called and held.

- Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the shareholders, for any purpose or purposes whatsoever, may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, or any officer or shareholder authorized by the Board of Directors to call special meetings of the shareholders, and shall be called whenever shareholders owning one-fourth (1/4) of the issued and outstanding shares shall make written application therefore to the President, stating the object of such meeting. In the event the Corporation has no directors, any officer or shareholder may call a special meeting of shareholders to fill the vacancies.
- Section 5. NOTICE. Unless otherwise required by Arizona law, notice of each meeting of shareholders shall be in writing and sent to each shareholder entitled to vote thereat not less than ten (10) no more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Such notices shall specify the place, the day and the hour of such meeting, and any other matter deemed appropriate by the Corporation or required by law, to be set forth in the notice of the meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall specify, in addition to the place, day and hour of such meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- Section 6. QUORUM. A majority of the shares issued and outstanding represented by the holders thereof, either in person or by proxy, shall be a quorum at all meetings of shareholders. Once a share is represented for any purpose at a duly called or held meeting, it is deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the meeting and for any adjournment of the meeting, unless a new record date is or must be set for the adjourned meeting.
- Section 7. ADJOURNED MEETING AND NOTICE. Any shareholders meeting, annual or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the shares, the holders of which are either present in person or represented by proxy thereat, but in the absence of a quorum no other business may be transacted at such meeting.

When any shareholders' meeting, either annual or special, is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice of the new date, time or place need not be given if announced at the meeting before adjournment, unless a new record date for the adjourned meeting is or must be fixed for the adjourned meeting. The shareholders may conduct such business at the adjourned meeting as might have been conducted at the meeting as originally noticed.

- Section 8. ORGANIZATION. The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President or, in the absence of both, a Chairman appointed by the shareholders present, shall call meetings of shareholders to order and shall act as Chair thereof. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary at all meetings of shareholders or, in his absence, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as Secretary.
- Section 9. VOTING. Each person in whose name shares stand on the stock records of the Corporation on the record date fixed by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share so held and represented at the meeting, in person or by written proxy. Such vote may be viva voce or by written ballot as directed by the Chair of the

meeting, provided that the vote for directors shall be by ballot upon the demand of any shareholder entitled to vote thereon. Every shareholder entitled to vote at an election for directors shall have the right to cumulate his votes and give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of votes to which his shares are entitled, or to distribute his votes on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall think fit. All elections for directors shall be decided by plurality vote; all other questions shall be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote thereon and still present at the meeting unless the vote of a greater number of shares is expressly required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws.

Section 10. CONSENT OF ABSENTEES. The transactions of any meeting of shareholders, either annual or special, however called and noticed, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present either in person or by proxy, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the persons entitled to vote, not present in person or by proxy, signs a written consent to the holding of such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such consents or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 11. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING. Any action required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, to be taken at a shareholders' meeting may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without vote, if written consent or consents, setting forth the actions so taken, signed by all shareholders entitled to vote on the action, is delivered to the Corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. Any shareholder may revoke its consent by delivering a signed revocation to the President or Secretary prior to the date the last shareholder signs the consent or consents. The action taken without a meeting shall be effective on the date specified on the consent, or if no effective date is specified, on the date the last shareholder signs the consent or consents; provided, however, if the law requires shareholders not entitled to vote on the action be provided notice thereof, the effective date of the action shall not be before ten (10) days after written notice of the proposed action is given to shareholders not entitled to vote thereon.

Section 12. WAIVER OF NOTICE. Any shareholder attending a meeting waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice unless objection thereto is made at the beginning of the meeting, or where the objection is that a particular matter was not noticed properly, when the particular matter is presented for consideration. Moreover, any shareholder may waive any notice requirement, either before or after the meeting, by executing a written waiver and delivering same to the Corporation for filling. All such waivers shall be filed with the corporate records or for inclusion in the minutes.

Section 13. PROXIES. Every person entitled to vote or execute consents shall have the right to do so either in person or by one or more agents authorized by a written proxy in a form acceptable to the Corporation, executed by such person or his duly authorized agent and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation. Any proxy duly executed is not revoked and continues in full

force and effect until an instrument revoking it, or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, is filed with the Secretary of the Corporation; provided, that any proxy not clearly stating it is irrevocable and the appointment is coupled with an interest may be revoked by the person who has executed the same when such person attends the meeting and desires to vote his stock personally; and provided further, that no such proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless the person executing it specifies therein the length of time for which such proxy is to continue in force.

Section 14. DETERMINING ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS. Unless otherwise set by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining shareholders for any purpose shall be the close of business on the third business day immediately preceding either: a) the day on which notice is given or, b) if notice is not required, the day the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto, but in no event more than seventy (70) days prior to such meeting or action. The officer who has charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall prepare a complete alphabetical list of the shareholders as of record date, including the address of each shareholder, the number of shares registered in the name of the shareholder and, if for voting purposes, the number of votes entitled to be cast and the voting group. Such list shall be made available for inspection during ordinary business hours by any shareholder, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, or at the principal office of the Corporation beginning two (2) business days after notice of the meeting is given and continuing through the meeting. The list shall also be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time thereof, and may be inspected by any shareholder who is present.

Section 15. INSPECTORS OF ELECTION. In advance of any meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors may appoint any persons, other than nominees for office, as inspectors of election to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. If inspectors of election be not appointed, on the request of any shareholder or his proxy, the chair or his designee shall perform the duties of inspector. In case any person appointed as inspector fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting, or at the meeting by the chair.

The duties of such inspectors shall include: determining the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the authenticity, validity, and effect of proxies; receiving votes, ballots or consents; hearing and determining all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote; counting and tabulating all votes or consents; determining the result; and such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all shareholders.

ARTICLE III Directors

Section 1. POWERS. Subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and law as to action to be authorized or approved by the shareholders, and subject to the duties of directors as prescribed by the Bylaws, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Directors. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the directors shall have the following powers, to-wit:

First - To amend the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws, to employ persons, fix their compensation and require from them security for faithful service.

Second - To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation, and to make such rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with law, or with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, as they may deem best.

Third - To change the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Corporation from one location to another within the State of Arizona; to fix and locate from time to time one or more subsidiary office of the Corporation within or without the State of Arizona; to designate any place within or without the State of Arizona for the holding of any shareholders meeting or meetings; and to adopt, make and use a corporate seal, and to prescribe the forms of certificate of stock, and to alter the form of such seal and of such certificates from time to time, as in their judgment they may deem best, provided such seal and such certificates shall at all times comply with the provisions of law.

Fourth - To designate and determine the date of the annual meeting of shareholders.

Fifth - To authorize the issuance of shares of stock of the Corporation form time to time, upon such terms as may be lawful, in consideration of money paid, labor done or services actually rendered, debts or securities canceled, or tangible or intangible property actually received, or in the case of shares issued as a dividend against amount transferred from surplus to stated capital.

Sixth - To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the Corporation, and to cause to be executed and delivered therefore, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations or other evidence of debt and securities therefore.

Seventh - To appoint committees.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS. The number of directors shall not be less than one (1) nor more than ten (10) as determined from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4)

of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation. The directors need not be stockholders. Until changed by resolution of the Board of Directors or vote of the shareholders, the number of directors shall be three (3). No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of his term of office.

- Section 3. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of shareholders but if not elected thereat at any special meeting of shareholders noticed for that purpose. All directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified or until earlier resignation or removal.
- Section 4. REMOVAL. Any director may be removed, either with our without cause, at a shareholders' meeting noticed for that purpose. If a director is elected by a voting group, only shareholders of that voting group may participate in the vote to remove the director. If less than the entire Board is to be removed, a director shall not be removed if the number of votes sufficient to elect the director under cumulative voting is voted against the director's removal.
- Section 5. VACANCIES. Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors be increased, or if the shareholders fail, at any annual or special meeting of shareholders at which any director or directors are elected, to elect the full authorized number of directors to be voted for at that meeting. If the Board of Directors accepts the resignation of a director tendered to take effect at a future time, the Board shall have power to elect a successor to take office when the resignation is to become effective. The shareholders may call a meeting to elect a director or directors at any time to fill any vacancy or vacancies not filled by the directors.
- Section 6. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING. Following each annual meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting for the purpose of organization, election of officers and the transaction of other business. If conducted immediately following or in conjunction with the annual meeting of shareholders, no separate notice and call of such meetings shall be required. The Board of Directors may by resolution schedule further regular meetings and no further notice thereof shall be required. Unless otherwise restricted by resolution of the Board, all other meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes shall be called by any director, the President or Vice-President and held at the time and place designated in the notice calling the meeting. If no place is designated, meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation.
- Section 7. QUORUM. A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly convened with a quorum present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors, unless a greater number is required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

- Section 8. PARTICIPATION IN MEETING BY TELEPHONE. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee designated by such Board may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.
- Section 9. WAIVER OF NOTICE. A director's attendance or participation in a meeting waives any notice to him unless objection is promptly made and the director does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. A director may also waive notice by providing, either before or after the meeting, a signed waiver for filing with the minutes or corporate records.
- Section 10. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING. Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board or of such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing setting forth the actions so taken, and the consent or consents are filed in the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or Committee. Unless the consent or consents otherwise provide, the action shall be effective when the last director signs the consent.
- Section 11. ADJOURNMENT AND NOTICE. The directors present at any duly noticed meeting may, whether or not a quorum is present, adjourn the meeting to a new time and place. No notice of the new time and place for holding an adjourned meeting need be given to absent directors if the new time and place is fixed at the meeting being adjourned.
- Section 12. COMMITTEES. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such committees for any purpose or purposes, which shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as specified by the Board of Directors by resolution.
- Section 13. FEES AND COMPENSATION. Directors may receive such compensation, if any, for their services, and such reimbursement for expenses as may be fixed or determined by a majority vote of all the directors.

ARTICLE IV Officers

- Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. One person may hold two or more offices.
- Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM. The officers of the Corporation, except such officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, shall be chosen annually at its first meeting of the Board of Directors held after or jointly with the annual meeting of

shareholders, and each shall hold his office until he shall resign or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve, or his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section 3. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION. Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or, except in case of an officer chosen by the Board of Directors, by any officer upon whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board of Directors.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President, or to the Secretary of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws for regular appointment to such office.

Section 5. PRESIDENT. Subject to such restrictions, if any, imposed by the Board of Directors, the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and have general supervision, direction and control of the business, officers and employees of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the shareholders and, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, or if there be none, at all meetings of the Board of Directors. In the event any office shall be vacant, the President shall be responsible for the duties of that office until the vacancy is filled. He shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation, including executing agreements, hiring and firing employees and consultants and generally conducting the day-to-day business of the Corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Bylaws.

Section 6. VICE-PRESIDENT. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for him respectively by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing or having prepared and for keeping or having kept the minutes of directors' and shareholders' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; shall attend to the giving of notices of the Corporation; shall authenticate the records of the Corporation; shall have charge of the certificate book and such other books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct; shall sign with the President, certificates of stock; and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the Bylaws.

Section 8. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, surplus and shares. Any surplus, including earned surplus, paid-in surplus and surplus arising from a reduction of stated capital, shall be classified according to source shown in a separate account. The treasurer shall be responsible for furnishing shareholders annual financial statements of the Corporation. The books of account shall be at all reasonable times open to inspection by any director.

Section 9. SUBORDINATED OFFICERS; DELEGATION. Subject to review and control by the Board of Directors, the President is empowered to appoint such other officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority and perform such duties as directed by the President or as is provided in the Bylaws or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors or the President, subject to such restrictions as it or he deems appropriate, may appoint a general manager who shall carry out the day to day management of the Corporation, including executing agreements, hiring and firing employees and consultants and issuing and endorsing checks in the name of the Corporation. The general manager shall be an employee, but not an officer of the Corporation.

Section 10. SALARIES. The officers shall have such salaries and other compensation as fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V Notice

Section 1. FORM. Any notice required to be given by the Corporation must be in writing; provided, however, oral notice where reasonable under the circumstances shall not render the notice defective, unless written notice is expressly required by Arizona law or by another provision of these Bylaws.

Section 2. MANNER. Notice may be provided in any manner allowed by law including, but not limited to, in person, by mail, private carrier, telephone, telegraph, teletype, facsimile or other form of wire or wireless method of communication, prepaid and correctly addressed to the recipient's current address as shown in the Corporation's books and records or as provided to the Corporation by the recipient for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited with the delivery service so addressed and with delivery costs prepaid. If these forms of personal notice are impracticable, notice may be provided by a newspaper of general circulation in the area where published or by radio, television or other form of public broadcast communication.

ARTICLE VI Indemnification

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES Section 1. AND AGENTS. Subject to the further provisions hereof, the Corporation shall, to the fullest extent provided by Arizona General Corporation law, indemnify, and advance expenses of, any and all of its existing and former directors, officers, employees and agents against all expenses incurred by them and each of them, including, but not limited to, legal fees, judgments, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement or compromise, which may arise or be incurred, rendered, or levied in any legal action brought or threatened against any of them for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed while acting within the scope of employment as director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation whether or not any action is or has been filed against them and whether or not any settlement or compromise is approved by a court. Indemnification shall be made by the Corporation whether the legal action brought or threatened is by or in the right of the Corporation or by any other person. Whenever any existing or former director, officer, employee or agent shall report to the President of the Corporation or the Chairman of the Board of Directors that he or she has incurred or may incur expense, including, but not limited to, legal fees, judgments, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement or compromise in a legal action brought or threatened against him or her for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed by him or her while acting in the scope of his or her employment as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, at its next regular or at a special meeting held within a reasonable time thereafter, determine in good faith whether, in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, such person acted, failed to act, or refused to act willfully or with gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal intent. If the Board of Directors determines in good faith that such person did not act, fail to act, or refuse to act willfully or with such gross negligence or with fraudulent or criminal action, indemnification shall be mandatory and shall be automatically extended as specified herein; provided, however, that no such indemnification shall be available with respect to liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and, provided further, that the Corporation shall have the right to refuse indemnification in any instance in which the person to whom the indemnification would otherwise have been applicable shall have unreasonably refused to permit the Corporation, at its own expense and through counsel of its own choosing, to defend him or her in the action.

Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of the shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, or of any other indemnification which may be granted to any person apart from this Article, both as to action in his official capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 3. MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE. The Corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a

director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- Section 1. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC. All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the Corporation, shall be signed or endorsed by the President or such person or persons and in such manner as, from time to time, shall be otherwise determined by these Bylaws or resolution of the Board of Directors. The authority of the President and the general manager, if any exists, is general unless expressly limited by resolution of the Board of Directors. No officer (other than the President), agent or employee (other than the general manager), shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount except as expressly authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. CONTRACTS, ETC. HOW EXECUTED. The President is authorized to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority is general unless expressly limited by resolution of the Board of Directors. No officer (other than the President), agent or employee shall have any power of authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount except as expressly authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES. Certificates representing shares of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the President and by the Secretary or by such other officers authorized by law and by the Board of Directors. All certificates for shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the stockholders, the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation.
- Section 4. LOST CERTIFICATES. Except as hereinafter in this Section provided, no new certificates for shares shall be issued in lieu of an old one unless the latter is surrendered and canceled at the same time. The Board of Directors may, however, in case any certificate for shares lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed, authorize the issuance of a new certificate in lieu thereof, upon such terms and conditions, including reasonable indemnification of the Corporation, as the Board shall determine.
- Section 5. REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and to hold liable for calls and assessments, a person registered on its books as the owner of shares, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim

to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided in the Laws of Arizona.

Section 6. DIVIDENDS. The Board, in its discretion, from time to time, may declare dividends upon the shares from the earned surplus or net profits of the Corporation, and may fix the dates for the declaration and payment of dividends.

Section 7. FISCAL OR CALENDAR YEAR. The fiscal or calendar year end of the Corporation may be designated and determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Until changed, the Corporation shall have a calendar year end.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments of Bylaws

Section 1. POWER TO AMEND. Subject to any limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or law, either the Board of Directors or the shareholders may amend, alter or repeal these Bylaws, or adopt new Bylaws, from time to time, at any regular or special meting expressly noticed for that purpose.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at a meeting called for that purpose on the <u>25</u> day of <u>corrected</u>, 1998 and were effective as of the 25 day of <u>cereted</u>, 1998.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIRECTORS

OF

BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC. (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Corporation recommends that the Articles of Restatement be amended to change the name of the Corporation to "Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Water) Corp."; and

WHEREAS the undersigned, being all of the members of the board of directors (the "Board of Directors" of the Corporation, in accordance with the authority provided by § 10-821 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended, without the formality of convening a meeting, do hereby consent to the following actions and waive any notice required to be given in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Article of the Corporation's Articles of Restatement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"NAME: The name of the corporation is: Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Water) Corp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed amendment to the Articles of Restatement be submitted to the shareholder of the Corporation for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation shall file Articles of Amendment pursuant to § 10-1006 of the Arizona Revised Statutes with the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona setting forth the aforesaid amendment to the Articles of Restatement of the Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer or director of the Corporation be and hereby is authorized and directed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation to take such further actions and execute and deliver such other documents, agreements, and certificates as may reasonably be necessary or appropriate in connection with the aforesaid amendment of the Articles of Restatement of the Corporation.

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IN WIT have consented	NESS to and 2013.	WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all the directors of the Corporation, executed each of the foregoing resolutions effective the 15^{17} day of

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER

OF

BELLA VISTA WATER CO., INC. (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Corporation has recommended to the sole Shareholder that the Articles of Restatement be amended to change the name of the Corporation to "Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Water) Corp."; and

WHEREAS the undersigned, being the sole Shareholder of the Corporation in accordance with the authority provided by Arizona Revised Statutes § 10-704 of the Arizona Corporation Commission, as amended, without the formality of convening a meeting, does hereby consent to the following actions and waive any notice required to be given in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that First Article of the Corporation's Articles of Restatement is hereby amended to read as follows:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation shall file Articles of Amendment pursuant to § 10-1006 of the Arizona Revised Statutes with the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona setting forth the aforesaid amendment to the Articles of Restatement of the Corporation.

Each of the foregoing resolutions are hereby consented to by the sole shareholder of the Corporation effective the 15th day of 1801 2013.

LIBERTY WATER CO.

Ian Roberts Officer & President

Chief Executive Officer & President

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Exhibit 4 (Certificate of Good Standing)

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STATE OF ARIZONA



Office of the CORPORATION COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

I, Jodi A. Jerich, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, do hereby certify that

LIBERTY UTILITIES (BELLA VISTA WATER) CORP.

a domestic corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, did incorporate on December 18, 1979.

I further certify that according to the records of the Arizona Corporation Commission, as of the date set forth hereunder, the said corporation is not administratively dissolved for failure to comply with the provisions of the Arizona Business Corporation Act; and that its most recent Annual Report, subject to the provisions of A.R.S. sections 10-122, 10-123, 10-125 & 10-1622, has been delivered to the Arizona Corporation Commission for filing; and that the said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution as of the date of this certificate.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above named entity as of the date issued. This certificate is not to be construed as an endorsement, recommendation, or notice of approval of the entity's condition or business activities and practices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Done at Phoenix, the Capital, this 10th Day of June, 2013, A. D.



Jodi A. Jerich, Executive Director

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Exhibit 5 (Estimated Total Construction Costs and Plant Cost Projections)



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> 5100 S. ALVERNON WAY TUCSON, ARIZONA 85706 (520) 748-0188 FAX (520) 748-8975

4/5/2013 Kings Ranch west water cost

Water Cost Kings Ranch Inside CC&N

Description	quantity unit	amount	total amount
Lots 1-30, 34-184, 186-188, 226-238, 255	-262, 302-303, 288-29	3,302-303 total 213 l	lots
8" Valves, bends, tees, misc	87 ea	\$1,350.00	\$117,450.00
6" Valves, bends, tees, misc	29 ea	\$800.00	\$23,200.00
Hydrants, valves, misc	38 ea	\$3,132.00	\$119,016.00
8" PVC pipe	34668 If	\$28.27	\$980,064.36
6" PVC pipe	10674 If	\$20. 28	\$216,468.72
8" PRV and Vaults	4 ea	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
Water Services and Boxes	213 lots	\$330.00	\$70,290.00
500,000 gal storage tank	1 ea	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Pressure tank upper pressure zone	1 ea	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Booster pumps and fittings upper tank	2 ea	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00
Shade cover/concrete slabs	1 ls	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Fencing of tank site	1 is	\$12,945.00	\$12,945.00
Misc work, elec, wellsite rock	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Wild Horse DIP	817 lf	\$38,700.00	\$38,700.00
Wild Horse Valves	3 ea	\$1,617.00	\$4,851.00
Sample station	1 ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
ARV	1 ea	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subtotal			\$2,052,485.08
County tax	13341	15.3	\$74,710.46
Total cost inside the CC&N			\$2,127,195.54

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EXHIBIT B

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4/5/2013 Kings Ranch Well Site, water cost

Water Cost Kings Ranch Well Site

Description	quantity unit	amount	total amount
Well site			
100,000 gal Storage tank	1 ls	\$93,000.00	\$93,000.00
Clorine building and equipment	1 ls	\$6,000.00	
Booster pac and fittings	1 ls	\$40,000.00	• • • • • •
Shade cover/concrete slabs	1 ls	\$22,000.00	
Fencing of tank site	1 is	\$7,011.00	\$7,011.00
Misc work, elec, wellsite rock	1 ls	\$10,000.00	
*Well site rock	1 is	\$850.00	\$850.00
Well, pump	1 ls	\$120,273.00	\$120,273.00
Subtotal			\$299,134.00
County tax	19443	7.1	\$10,888.48
Total cost out side the CC&N			\$310,022.48

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4/5/2013 Kings Ranch East, water cost

Water Cost Kings Ranch Outside the CC&N

Description	quantity unit	amount	total amount
Lots 31,185,189-225,239-254,263-287,29	94-301, total 87 lots		
8" Valves, bends, tees, misc	39 ea	\$1,350.00	\$52,650.00
6" Valves, bends, tees, misc	10 ea	\$800.00	\$8,000.00
Hydrants, valves, misc	13 ea	\$3,132.00	\$40,716.00
8" PVC pipe	10353 If	\$28.27	\$292,679.31
6" PVC pipe	4742 If	\$20.28	\$96,167.76
Water Services and Boxes	87 lots	\$330.00	\$28,710.00
Subtotal			\$518,923.07
County tax	3373	300	\$18,888.80
Total cost out side the CC&N			\$537,811.87

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IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

Exhibit 6 (Applicant's Estimated Annual Operating Revenues and Expenses for the First Five Years for the Extension Area)

Total estimated Revenues			89	1,893	89	6,971 \$	3 10,692 \$	4 13,361 \$	5 19,196
Variation Expenses Pumping Power: Per 1,000 gallons	0.55	per 1,000 gals		218		871	1,437	1,786	2,526
Repairs & Maint (a)(b)	0.50	/month/customer		30		120	198	246	348
	0.5	/month/customer		30		120	198	246	348
Water Treatment & Testing (b)(d) Rilling Postage Operations (3Vh)	5.05	per 1,000 gals		8 8		79	131	162	230
Total Variable Expenses	20.71	monnocustomer	6	07.5	6	- 1	- 1	- 1	8,352
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Other Expenses Depreciation net of Amortization of CIAC Office (b) (a)				9,326		17,628	17,321	16,809	15,580
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Income laxes				(1,047)		(1,824)	(1,615)	(1,376)	(808)
Flobelly taxes (i)				38		22	130	207	288
Total Other Expense			49	8,317	65	15,876 \$	15,836 \$	15,640 \$	14,960
Total Operating Expenses			↔	9,335	69	19,946 \$	22,552 \$	23,984 \$	26,764
Operating income (loss)			65	(7,442) \$	69	(12,975) \$	(11,860) \$	(10,623) \$	(7,568)
Interest (Expense)Income on Work. Cap. (c) Interest Expense I onc-term Debt (c)						თ	379	841	1,112
Net Income			\$	(7,442)	8	(12,966) \$	(11,481) \$	(9,783) \$	(6,456)

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⁽a) Per customer per month
(b) Annual Inflation of:
(c) If Applicable
(d) ADEQ Testing
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(f) See Property Tax Calculation

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Exhibit 7 (Legal Description of Requested Extension Area)

6TS/Gilbert Technical Services, Inc.

1601 Paseo San Luis ~ Suite 203 ~ Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 Phone (520) 458-5730 ~ Fax (520) 458-5739 ~ Email: gts@theriver.com

Land Description

That portion of the West ½ of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona, more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 34;

Thence South 89° 11' 31" East coincident with the North line of Section 34 a distance of 2648.29 feet to the North ¼ corner of Section 34:

Thence South 00° 48' 03" West coincident with the North-South mid-section line of Section 34 a distance of 2617.06 feet to the Center ¼ corner of Section 34;

Thence South 00" 48' 01" West coincident with the North-South mid-section line of Section 34 a distance of 1256.07 feet to the Northeast corner of the Valley View Elementary School as recorded in Fee # 980205232;

Thence North 89° 55' 13" West a distance of 2628.13 feet to the Northwest corner of said Valley View Elementary School;

Thence North 00° 30' 07" East coincident with the West line of Section 34 a distance of 3906.59 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to any and all prior easements, rights-of-way, covenants, restrictions and encumbrances of record or not of record that may otherwise legally exist.



King's Ranch at Coronado
The Eastern portion in Section 34
Containing 235.58 acres more or less
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Exhibit 8 (Master Water Report for Kings Ranch containing description of the facilities proposed to be constructed.)

KINGS RANCH SUBDIVISION

WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Prepared for:

K RANCH, L.L.C. 1601 Pasco San Luis, Ste. 202 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

For submitted to:

LIBERTY WAYER COMPANY 4055 Campus Drive Sierra Vista, Arizona 85615 (520) 458-5470

Prepared by:

WestLand Resources, Inc. Engineeing and Environmentor Consideral 4001 E. Paradise Falls Drive Tucton, Arizona 85712 (520) 206-9585

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WestLand Resources, Inc. (WestLand) has prepared this report to provide a water system master plan update for the Kings Ranch subdivision (previously Kinjockity). The Kings Ranch subdivision consists of 303 lots on a gross area of \$40.72 acres, located north of Highway 92 in portions of Sections 32 through 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East, in Cochise County, Arizona (Figure 1). A portion of the development is within the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) of the Bella Vista Water Company (BVWC) dba Liberty Water Company (LWC), and a CC&N extension is being processed for the remainder of the subdivision. Kings Ranch will be served by the BVWC South system.

The Kings Ranch Subdivision consists of 303 lots, varying in size from approximately 0.86 acres to 8.5 acres. Out of the 303 lots, 3 lots were deeded back to the Cochise County Flood District, 298 lots will be used for single family (SF) residences, and two lots (Lot 6 and Lot 110) include existing structures that are planned for commercial use pending special permits approval by the County. Lot 110 consists of approximately 10,000-square feet (sf) of commercial space on 5.48 acres, and Lot 6 currently includes a small building on 8.66 acres, but may include up 10,000 sf of commercial space. In addition, the current subdivision includes approximately twelve oak trees that will require continued irrigation.

The subdivision was previously platted for 281 lots, and the purpose of this master plan update is to reevaluate the sizing of the water system infrastructure including well, reservoir, and booster station capacity for the new number of lots in Kings Ranch per the latest LWC Development Guide and other relevant data.

The recommendations of this master plan with respect to the water system are as follows:

- The interconnection between Kings Ranch and Wildhorse should be installed, with a normally closed valve provided at the zone boundary. This valve can be opened at times when water needs to be moved from Kings Ranch into the northern areas of the system, or vice versa. To provide the flexibility to move water in both directions, the valving in the Kings Ranch roadway water mains near the interconnection must be installed such that the interconnect line can be connected to either the lower or upper zone depending on the need. This should be easily accomplished with two valves and proper connectivity of the existing lines.
- The well pump should be investigated and the appropriately sized well pump installed and
 observed for observation. In order to facilitate well pump evaluation and adjustment, a sounding
 tube should be installed with the pump.

With the above items addressed, the infrastructure provided or planned for the Kings Ranch subdivision is believed to be sufficient to meet the projected demands of this subdivision.

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EXISTING KINGS RANCH WATER SYSTEM

Upon acceptance by LWC and any applicable governing agencies, the Kings Ranch water system will become part of the BVWC South system. Because of the location and pressure zones associated with Kings Ranch, it is anticipated the Kings Ranch water system will generally act as a stand-alone system. We understand that a water main connection is expected to be installed to provide an emergency interconnect between the Kings Ranch and the Wildhorse water systems. Because the Kings Ranch and Wildhorse systems are not supplied at the same highwater elevation, the interconnect is anticipated to remain closed unless an emergency situation occurs that requires the transfer of water.

The water system at Kings Ranch consists of two main water plant sites serving two primary pressure zones (4980 Zone and 5080 Zone) and one sub-zone (4880 Zone). The lower water plant site includes one well that fills an on-site storage tank, and a transfer booster pump station that moves water from this tank to the 4980 Zone tank at the upper site water plant site. The storage tank at the lower site does not directly connect to or "float" any areas of the water system, but simply serves as a forebay reservoir to store water from the well prior to pumping into the water system to serve the 4980 Zone. Therefore, the primary tank serving the Kings Ranch project is the 4980 Zone tank located at the upper site. The 4980 Zone tank is at a high-water elevation approximately 100 feet above the highest homes that it serves, so that it can provide pressure of at least 40 psi. In addition, because there is an area of the system that is below the elevation range that would typically be served by this tank, there are four pressure reducing valve stations along the water lines in the main roadways to lower the pressure to the lots in the lowest areas (4880

Zone). The portions of the site that are too high to be served by gravity from the 4980 Zone tank (5080 Zone) are provided water from a 5080 Zone booster pump station located at the 4980 Zone tank site. *Table 1* below presents the pressure zone delineation for the Kings Ranch system. The conceptual layout of the Kings Ranch water system is illustrated on *Figure 2*.

Table 1. Kings Ranch Water System Zone Definention

Zone	Approx. Highweiter Elev. (D)	ApproxZanc Elevation (B)	Approx. Seatle Pressure Range (psi)		d of Lats served
5080 Zone	5080	4880 - 4980	43 – 87	Upper site 5080 Zone booster station	21
4980 Zone	4980	4720 4880	43 – 113	Lower site 4980 Zone booster station, 500K floating reservoir	
4880 Zone PRV area (sub-section of 4980 Zone	4880	4640 4760	43 – 104	Four (4) PRVs from Lower Zonc	279

The majority of the Kings Ranch water system infrastructure was installed in the past five years using the guidelines developed in the original Master Plan and associated improvement plans for the development. The purpose of this Master Plan is to review the existing system infrastructure from a capacity standpoint to evaluate whether the infrastructure has adequate capacity to serve the new number of lots and the anticipated uses associated with the Kings Ranch subdivision. The following is a description of the existing facilities at the Kings Ranch:

Well

There is one existing well (ADWR Well No. 55-204088) at the lower water plant site which is currently equipped and pumping into the storage tank at that site. The information provided by Weber Pump indicates that the well is equipped with a 60 horsepower (hp) submersible pump. The pump is currently providing a flow of approximately 124 gallons per minute (gpm), which is lower than would be expected for that pumping equipment based on the manufacturer information. The well was drilled to a depth of 1,204 feet and consists of a 12-inch surface blank casing from 0- to 20-feet and 8-inch inner casing, with slotted screen interval from 496-feet to 1,184-feet. Detected static groundwater level was 422-feet below ground surface on October 4, 2004, and the pump is set at approximately 650 feet below land surface. A pumping test was conducted on the well in 2004 at various pumping rates. Based on a review of that information (Appendix A), it appears that approximately 175 gpm would likely be a reasonable high range for the expected capacity of the well.

Reservoirs

There is one 100,000 gallon storage tank at the well site to provide forebay storage for the onsite 4980 Zone booster station that pumps to the 4980 Zone tank at the upper site. The forebay tank is 27 feet in diameter and 24 feet high. The well feeds into the bottom of the tank.

There is one 500,000 gallon 4980 Zone storage tank at the upper site that provides gravity feed to the lower Kings Ranch area. The tank is 60 feet in diameter and 24 feet high. The tank is fed from the bottom by the 4890 Zone booster station at the lower site throughout the distribution system, and floats the 4980 Zone through this connection. This tank also serves as a forebay for the on-site 5080 Zone booster station.

Booster Stations

There is a 4980 Zone booster station at the lower site. This is a transfer pump station to move water from the lower tank to the 4980 Zone tank when the tank demands water. This booster pump station is not pressure controlled based on system pressure, but operates based on the level in the 4980 Zone storage tank. This booster station consists of a Grundfos MPC-E 2CR64-3-1 GPC VFD package booster station with a total capacity of approximately 600 gpm. The booster station includes two (2) pumps, each equipped with a 40 hp motor designed for a capacity of 300 gpm at 285-feet total dynamic head (TDH). It is our understanding that this booster station is equipped with Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs).

There is a 5080 Zone booster station at the upper site. This is a pressure controlled pump station that provides pressure to the upper area (the 5080 Zone) based upon demand on the system. This booster station consists of two Grundfos CR64-3-1 booster pumps with a total booster station capacity of approximately 600 gpm. Each booster pump is equipped with a 40hp motor and is designed for a capacity of 300 gpm at 285-feet TDH. It is our understanding that this booster station is not equipped with VFDs.

DEMAND CRITERIA

This Master Plan update provides projected water demand calculations based on actual water usage provided by LWC and Pueblo Del Sol Water Company for similar large-lot subdivisions in the Sierra Vista area. These values were requested and tabulated for several areas similar to Kings Ranch in lot size and development type, as the demand values in the Liberty Water Company Development Guide for Southern Arizona, dated November 9, 2009 were believed to be significantly higher than would be expected for the nature of the area and based upon the historical water usage data for the Bella Vista South system. Table 2 on the following page lists the evaluated actual water usage data from both water companies, the demand criteria used in the Bella Vista Water Company Water System Master Plan dated April 2008 based on actual usage data from the Bella Vista South system, and the values from the Liberty Water Development Guide. The data set used for evaluation is included in Appendix B.

Table 2. Water Demand Criteria Corr	anavisos
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Source	Persons Per SFR Unit	Water Usage (gpcd)	Average Day per SPR Unit (gpd/SFR)	Peak Day Peaking Factor	Prada Dwy gw SYR Unia (gw/SYR)	Peak How Peaking Factor			
LWC 2009 Development Guide	3.2	150	480	1.8	864	3.0			
2008 BVWC Water Master Plan South Service Area Actual Usage	2.5	103	258	2.0*	515	-			
2008 BVWC Water Master Plan Engineering Criteria	2.5	125	312.5	2.0	625	3.5			
Wildhorse Subdivision	-	•	267	2.0*	534	*			
Pueblo Del Sol Subdivisions with large lots	-		327	2.0*	654	-			

^{*}Assumed for calculation

The 2008 Master Plan Engineering Criteria was chosen for the purpose of this Master Plan, as these criteria appear to be more representative of historical water usage for the Bella Vista South area and for developments similar in nature to Kings Ranch, and are a reasonable middle ground. The calculations below are therefore based on an average value of 313 galious per day (gpd) per connection, and peak day factor of 2.0 resulting in peak day demand of 625 gpd per connection. For the two lots (Lot 6 and Lot 110) that are planned for future commercial use, the water demands are estimated based on 1,700 gallous per day per acre (gpdac) per the Liberty Water Development Guide. The Kings Ranch Subdivision water demand estimation also includes 12 oaks trees that are based on five (5) gpd per tree. Fire flow requirements are based on 500 gpm for a duration of two hours for all uses, per the requirements of Palominas Fire District. Instantaneous demands are based on ADEQ Engineering Bulletin No. 10, Table 3, for review of booster station sizing. Table 3 below presents a summary of the demand projections for the Kings Ranch Subdivision.

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Pressure Zone	SF Vaits	Commercial Area (acres)	# of Oak Trees				Peak Have Dispusad (gyan)
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Total	298	14.1	12	117,394	81	162	284

RESERVOIR CRITERIA AND CAPACITY

Per LWC Development Guide for Southern Arizona, storage requirements are based on 1.75 times average day demand, plus fire flow. This is a conservative requirement, as the storage capacity requirement per the Arizona Administrative Code is 1.25 times average day demand with consideration for fire flow, and many larger water systems use a system-wide criteria of ADD plus fire flow. The Kings Ranch water system has an ADD of 117,304 gallons and the fire flow requirement for the subdivision is 500 gpm for a two-hour duration as approved by the Palominas Fire District (60,000 gallons), resulting in a total storage requirement of 265,300 gallons.

The Kings Ranch water system consists of two existing reservoirs with a capacity of 100,000 gallons and 500,000 gallons, respectively, resulting in a total storage capacity of 600,000 gallons. This storage capacity is well in excess of the storage requirement per the LWC Development Guide. This extra storage capacity provides a buffer in the system to dampen the demands on well source capacity during peak day conditions.

BOOSTER STATION CRITERIA AND CAPACITY

The domestic and fire flow needs of the Kings Ranch 5080 Zone system will be served by the pressure-controlled booster station at the Upper Zone water plant site. The booster station capacity is based on providing peak hour demand (PHD), or peak daily demand (PDD) plus fire flow, whichever is largest. The LWC Development guide requires firm capacity for the booster station, meaning that the booster station is capable of providing the required capacity with the largest pump out of service.

The fire flow for the Kings Ranch project is 500 gpm for 2 hours. Booster station capacity requirements for the 5080 Zone are based on meeting the demands by booster station pressure control for 19 SF units and two lots with a total of 20,000 sf of commercial uses (14.1 acres). The PPD plus fire flow requirements govern and thus the 5080 Zone booster station must be able to provide 541 gpm (41 gpm PDD + 500 gpm FF). The Upper-Zone booster station consists of two identical booster pumps with a pumping capacity of 300 gpm each, and the total booster capacity is 600 gpm, exceeding the 541 gpm requirement.

It should be noted that the reported discharge TDH of the 5080 Zone Booster station (285 feet) appears to be well in excess of the required pressure to serve the area in question. A significant reduction in discharge pressure could be accomplished and still meet the pressure demands of this zone, which may require stages of the booster pump to be removed. It should also be noted that it would be more typical to include VFDs at a pressure controlled pump station such as the 5080 Zone booster station, than at a booster station serving a storage tank. A booster station filling a storage tank would not be anticipated to experience significant pressure fluctuations during operation, although the VFDs could be useful as a surge control method for starting and stopping speed control.

The domestic and fire flow needs of the Kings Ranch 4980/4880 Zone system will be served by the 4980 Zone floating reservoir at the upper water plant site. The 4980 Zone booster station at the lower water plant site will be controlled by the water levels in the 4980 Zone reservoir, and therefore do not need to

provide fire flow. The booster station capacity for a gravity system is based on providing PDO, as the reservoir will provide capacity to supply system during PHD, PDO and fire flow conditions.

The 4980 Zone booster station must be capable of providing PDD for the entire Kings Ranch water system as the booster station also provides source water supply to the 5080 Zone water system. The total Kings Ranch system has a PDD of 162 gpm. The Lower-Zone booster station is a VFD-controlled packaged booster station consisting of two identical booster pumps with a pumping capacity of 300 gpm each for a total of 600 gpm, exceeding the requirements, including firm capacity.

WELL SOURCE CRITERIA AND CAPACITY

Per the LWC Development Guide for Southern Arizona, wells feeding a booster station must meet the PDO for the entire station with the largest well out of service. As described above, the PDO of the Kings Ranch water system is calculated to be 162 gpm. The Kings Ranch subdivision is served by a single well. The existing well is currently equipped with a Grundfos Model 230S600-19, 60 hp submersible pump. Based on the well pump manufacturer's information (Appendix C), this pump should be capable of pumping 300 gpm. However, per the results of the pumping test performed in 2004, this is a pumping rate which is unsustainable for the well. This pump currently delivers about 124 gpm. The cause for the reduced pumping rate is not known.

The project owner is currently investigating the well pump condition. Based on available information for the well, a new well pump is recommended as provided in *Appendix C*. The selected pump is a Grundfos Model 230S400-12 with a 40 hp motor. This pump may be capable of slightly more than the required 162 gpm. Depending upon the drawdown experienced in the well, the pump may be capable of pumping in excess of 200 gpm, but it is not known if a rate this high will be sustainable for the well. The pump may need to be slightly throttled to reduce the flow rate, which will be determined by field investigation once the new pump is installed and operation can be observed.

It should be noted that the well capacity requirement to provide well supply with the largest well out of service is typically applied on a system-wide basis, rather than required for each individual subdivision. This master plan proposes to provide an interconnection between the Kings Ranch and adjacent Wildhorse subdivision that would allow water to be moved in either direction through the water system based on the adjustment of valves in the area of the interconnection. In addition, the Kings Ranch well supplies the water system through two reservoirs with excess capacity, which allows for some flexibility in the availability of well capacity.

HYDRAULIC MODELING

A Water System Engineering Report prepared by Monsoon Consultants, dated January 26, 2006, was submitted to BVWC for review. The 2006 Monsoon Consultants report included a hydraulic analysis section that utilized the modeling software EPANET 2 to demonstrate the proposed Kinjockity water distribution system had adequate hydraulic capacity for providing PDD and required fire flow of 500 gpm for a one-hour duration white maintaining a water system pressure more than 20 pounds per square inch (psi), as required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), per Arizona

Administrate Code R18-5-502B. This requirement states that the potable water system must be capable of maintaining a pressure of at least 20 pounds per square inch (psi) at all points within the distribution system under all conditions of flow.

The number of lots has been increased by 19 lots in the new plat plus the possible commercial demands. However, the overall demand calculations and PDD in the new Kings Ranch subdivision are very similar to those projected for Kinjocity. Because it is typically the fire flow requirement that dictates water distribution system design and the adequacy of the pipeline sizes, it is anticipated the hydraulic analysis in the 2006 Water System Engineering Report is still valid for the Kings Ranch subdivision, and no additional modeling has been performed.

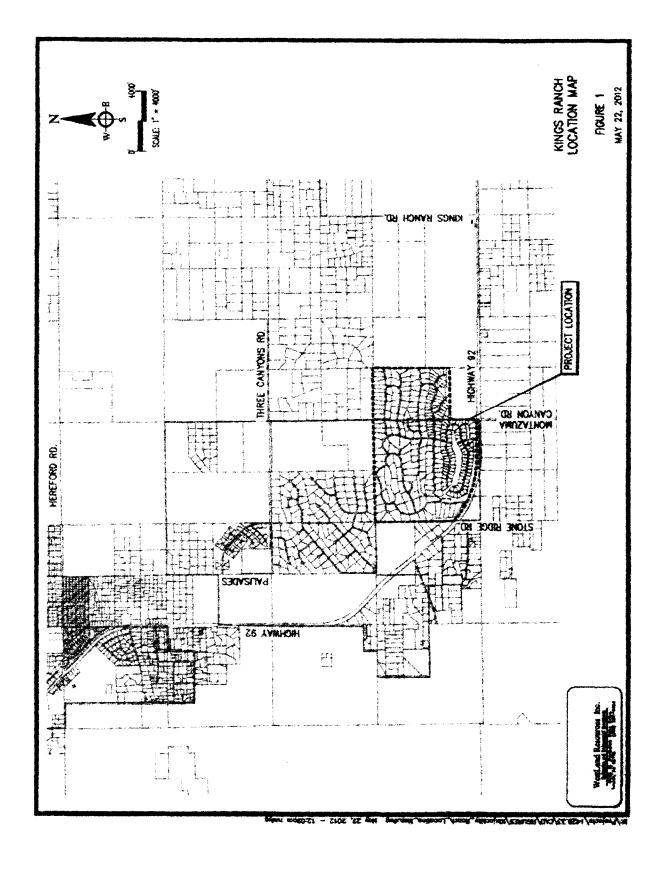
SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

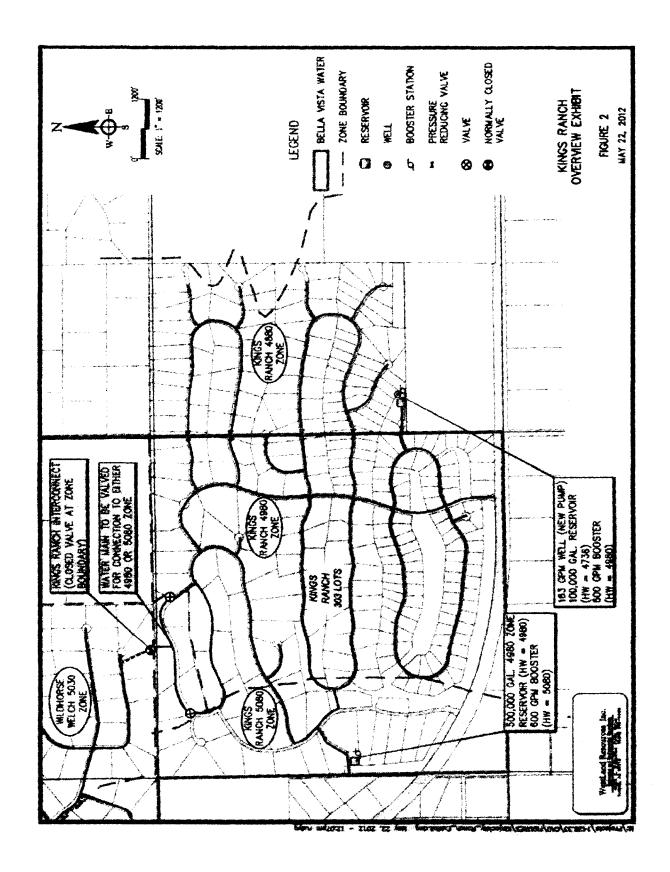
The recommendations of this master plan with respect to the water system are as follows:

- The interconnection between Kings Ranch and Wildhorse should be installed, with a normally closed valve provided at the zone boundary. This valve can be opened at times when water needs to be moved from Kings Ranch into the northern areas of the system, or vice versa. To provide the flexibility to move water in both directions, the valving in the Kings Ranch roadway water mains near the interconnection must be installed such that the interconnect line can be connected to either the lower or upper zone depending on the need. This should be easily accomplished with two valves and proper connectivity of the existing lines.
- The well pump should be investigated and the appropriately sized well pump installed and
 observed. In order to facilitate well pump evaluation and adjustment, a sounding tube should be
 installed with the pump.

With the above items addressed, the infrastructure provided or planned for the Kings Ranch subdivision is believed to be sufficient to meet the projected demands of this subdivision.

FIGURES





APPENDIX A

WELL TESTING INFORMATION

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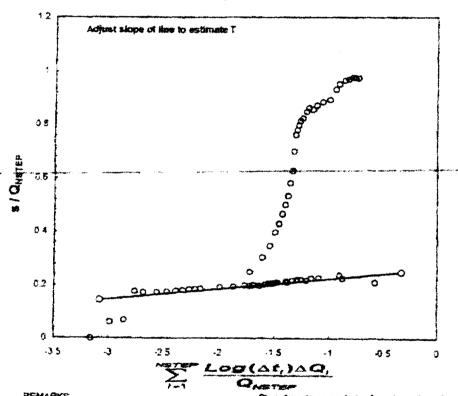
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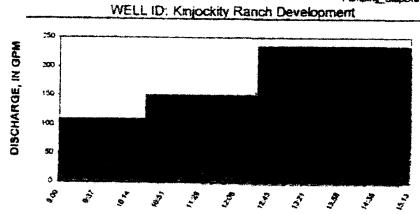
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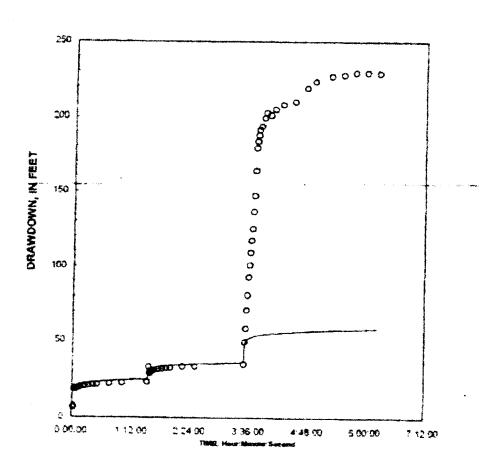


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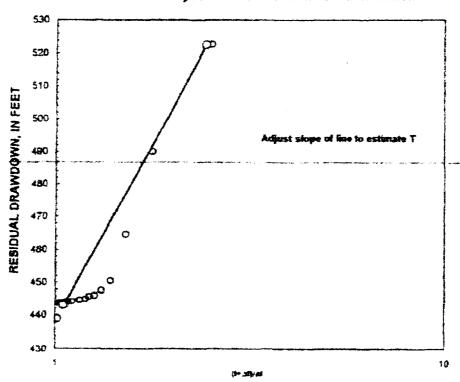
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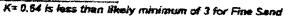
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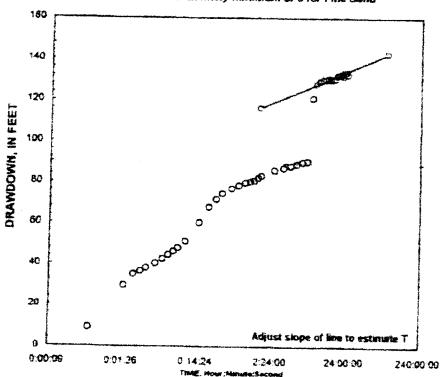
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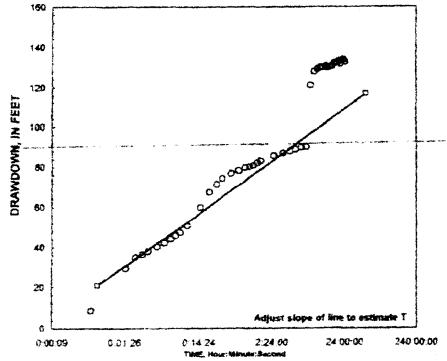
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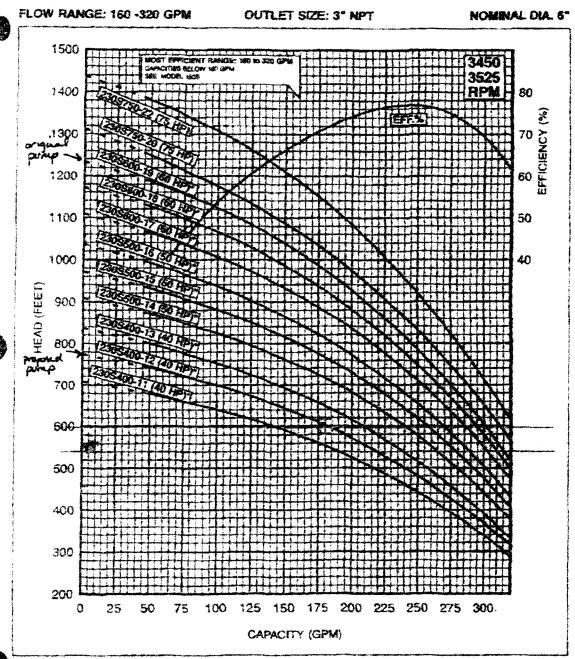
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WELL PUMP INFORMATION

Kings Ranch Well Pump Sizing Scenarios -Base on 2004 Pump Testing

	Exist Cond.	Curre	Current DD	Long-T	Long-Term DD
Flow (gpm)	125	150	150	150	0 S 3
Static Water Level below ground surface (ft)	440	440	440	440	044
Drawdown (ft)	40	\$	40	100	168
Column pipe size (inch)	en	6	4	60	*
Pump setting (feet)	099	099	099	099	999
Oischarge Static Head (ft)	16	16	16	16	16
Minor and Losses through column pipe (ft)	47	3	20	Z	20
10H (#)	543	260	516	620	576



SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
IF MOTOR STANDARD, 75 HP18480 RPM.
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Atemate motor sizes available.

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	Exist Cond.	Curre	Current DD	One-Term Of	90	710	-
Flow (gpm)	135	450			2	oun primo	
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED FACILITIES FOR

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The proposed facilities consists of 10,353 lineal feet of 8" PVC pipe with multiple 8" valves and tees; 4,742 lineal feet of 6" PVC pipe with multiple 6" valves and tees; and 13 fire hydrants to serve 87 residential lots.

The proposed facilities also include a well, 100,000 gallon storage tank and booster as described in the KINGS RANCH SUBDIVISION WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE by WestLand Resources dated June 4, 2012.

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Exhibit 9 (Statement of Financial Condition)

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITIES DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT MAILING LABEL – MAKE CHANGES AS NECESSARY

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Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. 12725 W. Indian School Rd., Ste. D101 Avondale, AZ 85392

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BALANCE SHEET

Acct. No.		L L	LANCE AT GINNING OF	LANCE AT END OF
	ASSETS	-	YEAR	 YEAR
	CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS	+-		
131	Cash	\$	13,313	\$ 420,243
134	Working Funds			
135	Temporary Cash Investments			
141	Customer Accounts Receivable		461,985	503,060
146	Notes/Receivables from Associated Companies		0	0
151	Plant Material and Supplies			
162	Prepayments		3,250	3,078
174	Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Assets		230,273	165,275
	TOTAL CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
		<u> </u>	708,821	\$ 1,091,657
	FIXED ASSETS			
101	Utility Plant in Service	\$	29,048,509	\$ 28,605,152
103	Property Held for Future Use			
105	Construction Work in Progress		(1,561,083)	185,608
108	Accumulated Depreciation - Utility Plant		12,037,479	12,795,138
121	Non-Utility Property			
122	Accumulated Depreciation - Non Utility			
	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$	15,449,948	\$ 15,995,622
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	16,158,769	\$ 17,087,278

NOTE: The Assets on this page should be equal to Total Liabilities and Capital on the following page.

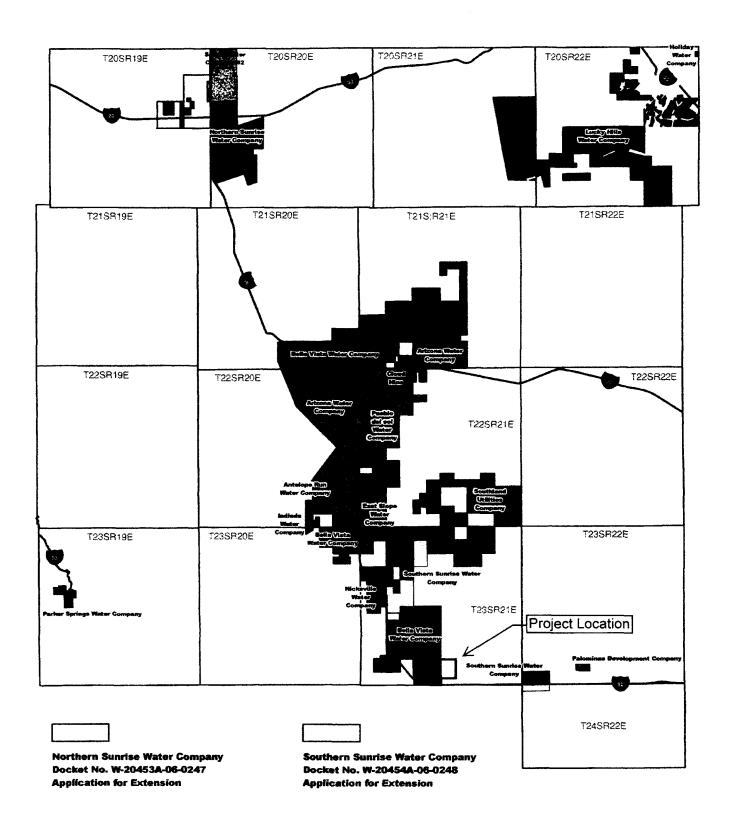
BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

Acet. No.	LIABILITIES	В	LANCE AT EGINNING OF YEAR	BA	LANCE AT END OF YEAR
	CURRENT LIABILITES			-	
231	Accounts Payable	\$	-	\$	-
232	Notes Payable (Current Portion)		125,978		131,366
234	Notes/Accounts Payable to Associated Companies		(358,648)		(1,058,251)
235	Customer Deposits		232,471		143,112
236	Accrued Taxes		96,727		39,582
237	Accrued Interest	1	21,643	 	24,229
241	Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities		34,379		71,358
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	152,551	\$	(648,605)
	LONG-TERM DEBT (Over 12 Months)	-			
224	Long-Term Notes and Bonds	1	1,050,118		916,052
	DEFERRED CREDITS				
251	Unamortized Premium on Debt				
252	Advances in Aid of Construction		8,857,722		9,433,945
255	Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits		211,054		211,054
271	Contributions in Aid of Construction		546,045		927,728
272	Less: Amortization of Contributions		299,895		320,487
	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	1			
	TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS	\$	9,314,925	\$	10,252,239
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	10,517,594	\$	10,519,686
	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	-			
201	Common Stock Issued	\$	1,520,080	\$	1,520,080
	Paid in Capital in Excess of Par Value		377,948	-	377,948
	Retained Earnings		3,743,147		4,669,564
	Proprietary Capital (Sole Props and Partnerships)	1	7 9		-,,-
	TOTAL CAPITAL	\$	5,641,175	\$	6,567,592
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$	16,158,769	\$	17,087,279

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Exhibit 10 (Map of Service Area)

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Exhibit 11 (Water Line Extension Agreement dated August 17, 2006)

WATER LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 17th day of August, 2006 by and between Bella Vista Water Co., Inc ("Utility") and Dunafon Development, LLC ("Developer") provides for the financing, construction and installation of certain water utility facilities in order to provide water service to certain property known as Kinjockity Ranch Estates ("Development").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Utility is an Arizona public service corporation authorized to provide public utility water service within a designated area of Cochise County, Arizona pursuant to its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") issued by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, Developer owns and intends to develop certain real property in Cochise County, Arizona, which is located partially within Utility's certificated service area, said property being more particularly described in Appendix "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, Utility intends to file an Application for an Extension of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to extend its CC&N to include the entire Development within its CC&N; and

WHEREAS, under such circumstances the Commission's rules and regulations provide that Utility may require Developer to advance funds for the construction and installation of such facilities, said advance being known as an Advance-In-Aid-of-Construction; and

WHEREAS, Developer is willing to finance, design, construct and install any and all Utility Plant Additions (as defined below) Utility reasonably determines must be designed, constructed, installed and connected to Utility's water system in order to permit Utility to deliver adequate water service to the Development.

NOW; THEREFORE, it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

I. <u>Utility Plant Additions; Cost; Payment; Cost Revisions; Risk of Loss; Acceptance of Utility Plant Additions; Temporary Use of Utility Plant Additions.</u>

A. <u>Utility Plant Additions</u>: Developer will finance, design, construct, or cause to be constructed, in accordance with applicable Utility standards, all on-site water utility plant set forth on the specific plans and engineering drawings attached hereto as Appendix "B"

or, if such plans are not attached, then in the general plans described on Appendix "B" attached hereto, which plans, as approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Utility, are incorporated herein by reference and hereinafter referred to as the "Utility Plant Additions." Utility Plant Additions will be designed and constructed with sufficient capacity to accommodate the water service requirement of the Development, without adversely impacting water service to other customers of Utility. Upon the request of Utility, the Utility Plant Additions or any portion thereof, shall be oversized, provided Utility shall be responsible for and pay the incremental increase in costs and expenses related to the oversizing. Additionally, all of said plans and specifications shall be approved in writing by Utility before being submitted to ADEO, or its designee, or the Commission for approval. Approval by Utility will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. All construction required by this Agreement shall be performed in a workmanlike manner and consistent with the rules, regulations, orders and requirements of the Commission, ADEQ and any other public agency having jurisdiction thereover, including, but not limited to, traffic control, compaction, safety, pavement removal and replacement, sloping, shielding, shoring, OSHA regulations and Arizona Department of Health Services Bulletins No. 8 and No. 10 and shall avoid inconveniences, discomfort, loss, damage and injury to persons and property, including the provision of adequate dust control measures during the construction. Developer shall comply with the inspection and testing requirements of Utility and any governmental agency having jurisdiction over the construction, installation and connection of the Utility Plant Additions. Unless otherwise expressly set forth in Appendix B, all materials and equipment furnished under this Agreement will be new. The Utility Plant Additions will be of good quality, free from faults and defects and guaranteed for a period of two (2) years from the date of their acceptance by Utility. Should any portion of the Utility Plant Additions need replacement or repair within two (2) years from the date of completion due to construction methods or material failure. Developer shall replace such portion of the Utility Plant Additions at no cost to Utility. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, Developer shall secure a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond. Developer shall maintain adequate insurance and provide evidence of insurance acceptable to Utility.

- B. <u>Cost.</u> Developer shall pay all costs arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs of engineering, computer modeling, analysis, materials, labor, storage facilities, well development costs, well site security, surveying, transportation, equipment, known or unknown, present or future regulatory fees, special assessments, excise charges, taxes (excluding property taxes) or surcharges, necessary permits, easements, inspections, administrative overhead, approvals, testing, corrections, insurance, bonds, and legal fees, including those arising from applying for an Application for an Extension of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to extend the CC&N to include the entire development. The cost of construction of the Utility Plant Additions is estimated to be (\$2,628,456.00) Two Million Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars and 00/100 as more fully detailed in Appendix "C", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- C. <u>Payment</u>. The Developer will cause the Utility Plant Additions to be constructed and shall make payment therefor directly to the Developer's contractor(s), employees,

agents, applicable governmental agencies, and, as agreed herein, to Utility. Upon execution of this Agreement, Developer shall pay Utility: i) eight percent (8%) of the total estimated cost of the construction, as set forth in Section I.B above, up to a maximum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) as and for Utility's cost of administrative overhead incurred in connection with this Agreement and ii) any monetary costs set forth in Appendix "C" as payable to Utility. Cost attributable to taxes/regulatory fees as specified in Section V.B. and all other costs payable to Utility hereunder shall be due and payable within ten (10) days of Utility billing for the expense.

- D. <u>Legal Costs</u>: Upon execution of this Agreement, Developer shall advance to Utility the sum of \$7,500 for anticipated legal costs associated with the CC&N expansion effort and other regulatory or governmental approvals, and will be obligated to provide additional funds and/or deposits as necessary to satisfy any additional requirements by any and all regulatory entities. Utility shall refund any remaining portion of the advance, or shall invoice the Developer for any balance due to Utility, within 30 days following the Commission's order granting or denying the CC&N expansion. Developer shall remit payment for any balance due within 10 days of receipt of Utility's invoice.
- E. <u>Risk of Loss</u>: All risk of loss shall be with Developer until written acceptance by Utility of the Utility Plant Additions, excepting loss caused by Utility's negligence or intentional malfeasance. Developer shall repair or cause to be repaired promptly, at no cost to Utility, all damage to the Utility Plant Additions caused by construction operations until all construction under this Agreement has been completed and accepted in writing by Utility, excepting damage caused by Utility 's negligence or intentional malfeasance.
- F. <u>Cost Revisions</u>. Developer acknowledges the estimate set forth in Section I.B is non-binding and hereby agrees to pay the actual cost of the Utility Plant Additions. The Utility reserves the right to revise the cost estimate contained in Appendix "C".
- G. Acceptance of Utility Plant Additions: No Utility Plant Additions will be deemed accepted unless accepted in writing by Utility. Developer will support all Utility Plant Additions by providing the following documentation to Utility, prior to the commencement of service, and not later than sixty (60) days after construction is completed:
- (1) copies of all bills, invoices and other statements of expenses incurred by Developer, covering all costs of materials, equipment, supplies, construction and installation of the Utility Plant Additions (final cost summary page may be acceptable at the Utility's discretion in lieu of copies of bills and invoices, etc.);
- (2) lien waivers and releases from contractors, subcontractors and vendors for materials, labor, equipment, supplies and construction included in Utility Plant Additions;

- (3) receipts, specifying exact amounts or payments in full by Developer to all contractors, subcontractors or vendors for all materials, equipment, supplies, labor and other costs of construction of the Utility Plant Additions;
- (4) "as-built" drawings, including a copy on disk, certified as to correctness by an engineer registered in the State of Arizona and approved by Utility, and showing the location and respective sizes of Utility Plant Additions; and
- (5) all easements, bills of sale, deeds and other evidences of ownership, and/or right to operate, maintain, repair and replace the Utility Plant Additions requested by Utility.
- H. <u>Temporary Use of Utility Plant Additions</u>: Developer irrevocably consents to Utility's use of all or any portion of the Utility Plant Additions, without cost to Utility, prior to formal acceptance thereof. Any water service provided by Utility to the Development prior to written acceptance of the Utility Plant Additions as provided herein is provided on a temporary basis only, subject to termination on ten (10) days written notice that temporary service will no longer be available until Developer meets all conditions precedent to acceptance of the Utility Plant Additions.

II. Service: Applicable Rates

- Service. Notwithstanding any reference to fire protection facilities contained in Appendices "B" or "C" hereto, the Utility Plant Additions are being installed primarily for the purpose of providing domestic water service to the Development. However, under certain operating conditions, those facilities may provide limited fire protection service to an appropriate fire protection agency, but NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARE BEING MADE BY UTILITY AS TO EITHER THE AVAILABILITY OR ADEQUACY OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE, AND UTILITY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE WATER AT A SPECIFIC PRESSURE OR GALLONS-PER-MINUTE FLOW RATE AT ANY FIRE STANDPIPE, OR FIRE HYDRANT, OR FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AND DEVELOPER SO UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES. IN THE EVENT FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED, IRREGULAR, DEFECTIVE, OR FAILS FROM CAUSES BEYOND THE UTILITY'S CONTROL OR THROUGH ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF ITS EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR AGENTS, THE UTILITY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARISING THEREFROM.
- B. <u>Applicable Rates</u>. It is mutually understood and agreed that the charges for water service to said Development shall be at the applicable rates of Utility, which are currently on file with the Commission. Those rates are subject to change from time to time upon application of utility and as approved by the Commission.

III. Permits and Licenses; Easements; Title

- A. <u>Permits and Licenses</u>. Developer agrees to obtain all licenses and permits from public authorities, which may be required for the construction of facilities under this Agreement.
- B. <u>Easements</u>. Prior to commencement of service, Developer will obtain and convey to Utility, perpetual easements necessary for the operation and maintenance of water lines, mains and appurtenant facilities, in the name of Utility, and in a form acceptable to Utility similar to that set forth in Appendix D.
- C. <u>Title</u>. All materials installed, facilities constructed and equipment provided in connection with construction of facilities under this Agreement and the completed facilities as installed shall become the sole property of Utility when installed and accepted by Utility, and full legal and equitable title thereto shall be then vested in Utility, free and clear of any liens, without the requirement of any written document of transfer to Utility or acceptance by Utility. Developer agrees to execute or cause to be executed promptly such documents as Counsel for Utility may request to evidence good and merchantable title to said facilities free and clear of all liens.

IV. Commencement of Performance and Time of Completion

Commencement of Performance and Time of Completion. It is estimated that Developer shall start the work to be performed under this Agreement in September, 2006 and complete the work to be performed under this Agreement not later than May, 2007. It is mutually understood and agreed that these commencement and completion dates are estimates only and no liability shall arise from failure to complete the facilities in accordance with said estimated dates.

V. Amount of Advance; Refund; Transfer

- A. Amount of Advance. Based on the estimated costs contained in Section I.B., Utility's cost of administrative overhead contained in Section I.C., and estimated legal fees contained in Section I.D., the advance by the Developer shall be a total of \$2,645,956 in value of plant being installed ("Advance"). Of the Advance, \$_-0_- shall be a non-refundable contribution with the balance refundable pursuant to this Section V. If the actual construction cost is revised pursuant to Section I.F, or Section 1.G, or if the legal costs exceeds the \$7,500 deposit referenced in Section I.D, the Advance, including the tax impact, shall be adjusted accordingly.
- B. <u>Taxes/Regulatory Fees.</u> Developer shall be responsible for and pay any and all regulatory fees, special assessments, excise charges, taxes (excluding property taxes) or surcharges arising directly or indirectly from this Agreement or any undertaking required hereby that is or may in the future be imposed upon Developer and/or Utility by any governmental

entity. In the event that it is determined by Utility, the Internal Revenue Service, the Arizona Department of Revenue or any other governmental entity having authority to impose such fees, assessments, excise charges, taxes or surcharges that there is an additional amount due and owing to the construction or construction costs advanced by Developer, said additional costs shall be billed to Developer and shall be due and payable within ten (10) days. Unless otherwise permitted by Utility's tariffs or by rule, regulation or Order of the Commission, Utility, when making refunds pursuant to this Section V, will also refund a pro rata portion of the estimated income taxes actually paid to Utility; said refund to be computed at the same percentage used to calculate the estimated income tax in the first instance.

- C. Computation of Refund. Refunds of the Advance hereunder shall be made by Utility on or before the 31st day of August of each year commencing with August of 2007 covering any refunds arising from water revenues received during the preceding July 1 to June 30 period to which Utility's refund obligation applied, as provided in Section V.D. below. Any additional charge made by Utility based on any sales, privilege tax, excise tax, or regulatory assessment, shall not be included in the computation. The annual refund shall equal ten percent (10%) of the total gross annual revenue from water sales to each bona fide customer in the Development for a period of twenty (20) years. The Advance shall be refunded to the maximum amount allowed as more fully set forth in Section V.D. herein ("Maximum Refund"). Solely at the option of the Utility, the refund period may be continued on a year-by-year basis until reimbursement of the Maximum Refund has been accomplished. Additionally, and solely at the option of the Utility, Utility may make additional payment(s) of any amount of annual refund up to half the Maximum Refund provided that the Development has reached half its capacity (141) out of an approximate 281 customer water connections, and up to the Maximum Refund provided that the Development has reached its capacity, which is approximately 281 customer water connections. Any refund amount that is not deliverable at the last address provided to Utility by Developer or any refund check not cashed within twelve months after being sent by regular mail to such address may, at Utility's option, be deemed a contribution-in-aid-ofconstruction and no longer subject to refund.
- D. <u>Maximum Refund; Interest on Advance; Limitation on Revenues</u>. The cumulative refunds to Developer under this Agreement shall in no event exceed the amount of the Advance, as adjusted per Section V.A, less accumulated depreciation (calculated using Commission approved depreciation rates) as of the date of computation noted in Section V. C. above. No interest shall be paid by Utility on any amounts advanced. Utility shall make no refunds from any revenue received from properties other than those located within the area identified in Appendix "A".
- E. <u>Transfer of Utility Plant Additions</u>. In the event of the sale, conveyance or transfer by Utility, pursuant to the approval of the Commission, of any portion of its water system, including the facilities serving the Development and installed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Utility's obligation under Section V.C. hereto shall cease (except as to any payment which is then due) conditioned upon the transferee assuming, and agreeing to pay

Developer, any sums becoming payable to Developer thereafter in accordance with the provisions of Section V.C. of this Agreement.

F. <u>Utility's Right of First Refusal</u>. Before selling or transferring the refund obligation of Utility under this Agreement, Developer shall first give Utility, or its assigns, reasonable opportunity to purchase the same at the same price and upon the same terms as contained in any bona fide offer which Developer has received from any third person or persons which he may desire to accept.

VI. Notice

Except as otherwise required by law, any notice required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing and must be given by either: (i) personal delivery; (ii) United States certified mail, return receipt requested, with all postage prepaid and properly addressed; (iii) any reputable, private overnight delivery service with delivery charges prepaid and proof of receipt; or (iv) by facsimile machine or telecopier. Notice sent by any of the foregoing methods must be addressed or sent to the party to whom notice is to be given, as the case may be, at the addresses or telecopy numbers set forth below:

Developer: Dunafon Development LLC

6245 N. Sabino Shadow Lane

Tucson, AZ 85750 Phone: 520.979.1368 Fax: 520.232.9361

Attn: Darrell Dunafon

Company: Bella Vista Water Company, Inc.

4055 Campus Drive Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 Phone: 520.458.5470 Fax: 520.459.6680 Attn: Carol Allen

Any party may change its address or telecopy number for purposes of delivery and receipt of notices by advising the other parties in writing of the change. Notice provided by the methods described above will be deemed to be received: (i) on the day of delivery, if personally delivered; (ii) on the date which is three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail, if given by certified mail; (iii) on the next regular business day after deposit with an express delivery service for overnight, "same day", or "next day" delivery service; or (iv) on the date of transmittal, if given on a regular business day and during regular business hours by facsimile machine or telecopy. No notice will be effective unless provided by one of the methods described above.

VII. Miscellaneous.

Before this Agreement shall become effective and binding upon either Utility or Developer, it must be approved by the Commission or its authorized representative. In the event that it is not so approved this Agreement shall be null and void and of no force or effect whatsoever.

This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona.

Developer shall indemnify and hold harmless Utility, its officers, directors, members, agents and employees from and against claims or expenses, including penalties and assessments and attorney's fees to which they or any of them may be subjected by reason of injury or death of any person, or loss or damage to any property contributed to or caused by the active or passive negligence of Developer, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or subcontractors in the execution of Developer's obligations under this Agreement or in connection therewith. In case any suit or other proceeding shall be brought on account thereof, Developer will assume the defense at Developer's own expense and will pay all judgments rendered therein. The provisions of this Paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and expressly supersedes and revokes all other prior or contemporaneous promises, representations and assurances of any nature whatsoever with respect to the subject matter hereof. Should litigation be necessary to enforce any term or provision of this Agreement, or to collect any damage claimed or portion of the amount payable under this Agreement, then all litigation and collection expenses, witness fees, court costs, and attorneys fees shall be paid to the prevailing party. Nothing herein shall preclude non-binding arbitration if the parties so elect in the event of a dispute hereunder. The remedies provided in this Agreement in favor of Utility shall not be deemed its exclusive remedies but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

No waiver by Utility of any breach by Developer of any provision of this Agreement nor any failure by Utility to insist on strict performance by Developer of any provision of this Agreement shall in any way be construed to be a waiver of any future or subsequent breach by Developer or bar the right of Utility to insist on strict performance by Developer of the provisions of this Agreement in the future. Developer is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of Utility. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon, and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

Bella Vista Water Co., Inc. ("Utility")

4055 Campus Drive Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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Title Manager

Dunafon Development LLC ("Developer")

6245 N. Sabino Shadow Lane

Tucson, AZ 85750

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APPENDIX A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

Kinjockity Ranch Estates

Water distribution lines constructed to serve 281 residential lots located in all of Section 33 that is bordered to the North by Hwy 92, and the Northwest Quarter of Section 34 and the Northern half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 21 East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona.

APPENDIX B

PLANS OR DESCRIPTION OF UTILITY PLANT ADDITIONS

Kinjockity Ranch Estates - Plans attached

APPENIX C

ESTIMATED COST OF UTILITY PLANT ADDITIONS

Kinjockity Ranch Estates

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Item #	Description	Quantity	Measure	Unit Price	Total Cost
. 1	8" PVC	41,450	LF	\$28.50	\$1,181,325
2	6" PVC	15,317	LF	\$20.50	\$313,999
3	8" DIP	3,020	LF	\$35.00	\$105,700
4	6" DIP	538	LF	\$31.00	\$16,678
5	8" Valves & Fittings	Multiple		••••	\$149,100
6	6" Valves & Fittings	Multiple			\$66,250
7	Fire Hydrants	15	ı ea	\$3,000.00	\$45,000
8	1" Single Services	55	ea	\$396.67	\$21,817
9	1" Double Services	113	ea	\$596.67	\$67,424
10	8" Pressure Reducing Valve	4	ea	\$750.00	\$3,000
11	5000 Gal Hydropneumatic Tank	1	ea	\$23,000.00	\$23,000
12	101,376 Gallon Storage Tank	1	ea	\$95,000.00	\$95,000
13	Concrete Slab - 101,376 gal tank	55	vards	\$500.00	\$27,500
14	429,177 Gallon Storage Tank	1	ea	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
15	Concrete Slab - 429,177 gal tank	105	yards	\$500.00	\$52,500
16	Well Pump	1	ea	\$10,222.00	\$10,222
17	Main Pump	1	ea	\$4,459.00	\$4,459
18	Hydro Pump	1	ea	\$3,333.00	\$3,333
19	Chlorinator	1	ea	\$15,500.00	\$15,500
20	Misc Well Head Piping	1	ea	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
21	6" Gate Valve	29	ea	\$850.00	\$24,650
22	8" Gate Valve	50	ea	\$950.00	\$47,500
23	Valve Box with Steel Lid	79	ea	\$500.00	\$39,500
24	Masonry Security Fencing w/ gates	2	ea	\$25,000.00	\$50,000
25	Allen Bradley Controls	1	lot	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
26				SUB-TOTAL #1	\$2,628,456
27	Computer Modeling - Design Report				
28				SUB-TOTAL #2	\$2,628,456
29	8% (of sub-total #1) Inspection Fee (No more than \$10,000)				\$10,000
30	Legal Fee Deposit CC&N Extension		•		\$7,500
31			•	TOTAL	\$2,645,956

APPENDIX D FORM OF EASEMENT

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TO

WATER LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. (dba LIBERTY UTILITIES)

AND

K RANCH LLC

This First Amendment to the Water Line Extension Agreement ("First Amendment") is made this 14 day of _______, 2013, by and between BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. dba Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Utilities" or "Utility"), an Arizona corporation, its successors-in-interest and assigns, and K RANCH LLC ("K-Ranch" or "Developer"), an Arizona limited liability company, its successors-in-interest and assigns.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Liberty Utilities and Dunafon Development, LLC entered into a Water Line Extension Agreement ("LXA") on August 17, 2006 for the extension of water utility service to certain real property located in Cochise County, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, K-Ranch, as the successor-in-interest to Dunafon Development, LLC, has been recognized by Liberty Utilities as an assignee under the LXA, subject to all the rights and responsibilities of its predecessor, Dunafon Development, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Utilities and K-Ranch desire to amend the LXA to update its terms to more accurately reflect current conditions so that K-Ranch can finalize its development plans and begin to receive water utility service from Liberty Utilities; and

WHEREAS, K-Ranch has recently amended the Kings Ranch subdivision ("Development") lot count for the development from 281 lots to 303 lots of which lot numbers six (6) and one hundred ten (110) are designated for commercial use. These commercial use lots have been factored into the updated Master Water Report and are included as part of this LXA. In addition lot numbers thirty two (32), thirty three (33) and two hundred six (206) are classified as storm water recharge basin lots and will not have homes and/or structures constructed on them; therefore water service will not be provided. If a change in classification occurs in the future, these three lots (32, 33, 206) will be required to enter into a separate agreement for water service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this First Amendment, K-Ranch has agreed to provide Liberty Utilities sufficient storage and a potable well that has sufficient pumping capacity to serve its entire Development at build-out. Pursuant to the pumping calculations set forth in the water master plan update (dated June 4, 2012) prepared for K-Ranch, this potable well in its then operating condition did not provide enough water to meet the Development's demands at full build-out. Subsequently, K-Ranch has improved this potable well and had it validated per Liberty Utilities requirements. This potable well currently meets the demands of the Development at full build-out; and

WHEREAS, K-Ranch has been informed by Liberty Utilities that the Utility cannot serve any lot outside of the Utility's current CC&N boundary, and agrees that there will be no home or any other structure built that would require a water service connection constructed on a lot that is currently outside the Utility's current CC&N boundary, until the ACC approves the necessary CC&N expansion request; and

WHEREAS, The Parties hereby agree to the incorporation of the Recitals set forth above as part of the terms and conditions of this First Amendment to the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the sufficiency and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the following:

AGREEMENT

- 1. Appendix "A" to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Appendix "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The two legal descriptions, which are in metes and bounds, depict that portion of the Kings Ranch at Coronado subdivision ("Development") currently inside Utility's CC&N, and that portion of the Development that will be subject to an Application for Extension of CC&N filed with the Commission.
 - 2. Section I.A is deleted in its entirety and hereby replaced as follows:
- A. <u>Utility Plant Additions</u>. Developer has financed, designed, and constructed, in accordance with applicable Utility standards, all on-site water utility plant set forth on the specific plans and engineering drawings attached hereto as Appendix "B", which plans, as approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Utility, are incorporated herein by reference and hereinafter referred to as the "Utility Plant Additions." Appendix "B" shall delineate between Utility Plant Additions constructed inside Utility's CC&N boundary, and Utility Plant Additions constructed outside Utility's CC&N, as well as segregating the associated costs of the Well Site and Reservoir & Booster Station Site. Utility Plant Additions will be designed and constructed with sufficient capacity to accommodate the water service requirements of the entire Development. Developer has provided Utility with a Master Water Report, dated June 4, 2012, to outline the necessary well, booster and storage capacity to serve the entire Development at build-out. In the event it is determined within the applicable

warranty period that there is not enough capacity. Developer shall be responsible to advance funds Utility, or alternatively construct the necessary plant, in order to ensure All construction shall have been performed in a sufficient capacity to serve. workmanlike manner and consistent with the rules, regulations, orders and requirements of the Commission, ADEO and any other public agency having jurisdiction thereover, including, but not limited to, traffic control, compaction, safety, pavement removal and replacement, sloping, shielding, shoring OSHA regulations and Arizona Department of Health Services Bulletins No. 8 and No. 10 and shall avoid inconveniences, discomfort, loss, damage and injury to person and property, including the provision of adequate dust control measures during construction. The Utility Plant Additions will be of good quality, free from faults and defects and guaranteed by K-Ranch for a period of two (2) years from the date of their Final Acceptance (see paragraph 5 below) by Utility. All other Utility Plant Additions shall also be of good quality, free from faults and defects and guaranteed by K-Ranch for a period of two (2) years from the date of their individual Final Acceptance which Final Acceptance shall occur per paragraph 5 below which states the Final Acceptance criteria to be restated in paragraph I.G of the Agreement. Should any portion of the Utility Plant Additions need replacement or repair within two (2) years from the date of Final Acceptance due to construction methods or material failure, Developer shall replace such portion at no cost to Utility. Developer shall maintain adequate insurance and provide evidence of same acceptable to Utility. The Developer agrees that any contractor working on utility owned infrastructure shall be licensed, bonded and adequately insured and meet utility insurance requirements and qualifications prior to actually working on utility owned infrastructure.

New source testing shall be required for all wells, at Developer's costs, that are included in the Master Water Report. Test results shall be provided to Utility within 5 days after completion.

For areas of the Development that will not have paved completed streets at the time of Final Acceptance, Developer is responsible to raise and collar all valve cans to paved street grade at the time of pavement construction. In addition, if any existing Utility infrastructure requires modification due to final paving, Developer is responsible to pay for all required modifications. The Developer shall present to Utility new construction plans for Utility's approval prior to commencing any modification. All modifications to facilities shall conform to Utility's current standards and specifications, and shall also conform to any and all governing agency regulations. All modifications to the Well Site and Reservoir & Booster Station Site shall carry a two (2) year warranty by Developer which starts at project modification completion. All other modifications to Utility's facilities shall carry a two-year warranty by Developer, which starts at Final Acceptance. The Developer agrees that any contractor working on utility owned infrastructure shall be licensed, bonded and adequately insured and meet utility insurance requirements and qualifications prior to actually working on utility owned infrastructure.

- 3. Section I.B is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
- B. Cost. Developer shall pay all costs arising out of this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of engineering, computer modeling, analysis, materials, labor, storage facilities, well development costs, well site security, surveying, transportation, equipment, known or unknown, present or future regulatory fees, special assessments, excise charges, taxes (excluding property taxes) or surcharges, necessary permits, easements, inspections, administrative overhead, approvals, testing, corrections, insurance, bonds, and legal fees, including those arising from applying for an Application for Extension of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to include the entire Development. The estimated cost of construction of the Utility Plant Additions is \$3,033,986.48, as more fully detailed in Appendix "C", attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Appendix "C" shall delineate the costs for Utility Plant Additions within the CC&N, and costs for Utility Plant Additions outside the CC&N, as well as segregating the associated costs of the Well Site and Reservoir & Booster Station Site.
 - 4. Section I.D is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
- D. Administrative and Legal Costs. Upon execution of the First Amendment, Developer shall advance to Utility the sum of \$7,500 for administrative costs. Developer shall also advance to Utility, upon execution of the First Amendment; \$7,500 for legal costs associated with the CC&N expansion effort and other regulatory or government approvals, and will be obligated to provide additional funds and/or deposits as necessary to satisfy any additional requirements by any and all regulatory entities, including expansion efforts at the Commission. Once the CC&N application process is underway, Utility shall provide Developer a monthly accounting of legal costs associated with the CC&N expansion, and shall invoice Developer once the initial \$7,500 deposit has a remaining balance of \$2,500 or less. It is agreed to that the Utility shall never be in a negative account balance position. All unused CC&N expansion funds shall be returned to Developer after the Commission approves the expansion request and all items required by the Commission are completed. In the event Developer does not pay an invoice for costs related to the CC&N expansion within fifteen (15) days after receipt, Utility may cease moving forward with obtaining approval of the expansion from the Commission, and may withdraw its application. All costs advanced by Developer to Utility under this paragraph shall be made part of the refundable Advance set forth in Section V.A.
 - 5. Section I.G is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
- G. Acceptance of Utility Plant Additions. No Utility Plant Additions will be deemed accepted unless accepted in writing by Utility. "Operational Acceptance" by the Utility shall occur at the time the Developer has provided all of the following items to the Utility as required by this Agreement: (i) all fees, costs, and funds required under this Agreement; (ii) the Approval to Construct the Facilities; and (iii) recorded copies of all required Deeds and Easements. The Utility shall assume operational responsibilities for the Facilities only after receipt of the above. "Final Acceptance" of the Utility Plant Additions for the well site, reservoirs, booster sites and other utility

infrastructure in areas that are currently included within utility's CC&N area and certain agreed upon utility infrastructure located outside the utility's current CC&N more specifically known as the eastern well, reservoir and booster station site, shall occur only after the Utility receives all of the following as otherwise required by this Agreement, unless mutually agreed otherwise: (i) all items required for Operational Acceptance; (ii) approved Final Inspection by Utility, including all punch list items; (iii) all invoices; (iv) all lien waivers; (v) copies of all permits and licenses; (vi) all required evidences of title, including a Bill of Sale; (vii) the "as-built" plans; and (viii) AutoCAD digital file of the approved construction drawings; (ix) address list for all lots included in the development (if available), list of lot numbers and list of property tax parcel numbers (if available from the County Assessor). For infrastructure to be transferred over to utility that is currently located outside the utility's current CC&N (not including the eastern site which contains a well, reservoir and booster), Final Acceptance shall occur after all prior stated items (i through ix) are completed; and (x) Commission approval of an Application for Extension of Utility's CC&N to include those portions of the Development currently outside the CC&N.

In the event K-Ranch is unable to supply Utility all of the required invoices, a final cost breakdown, stamped and signed by an Arizona certified Engineer will be accepted; however, in the event that during any future rate cases for Utility the ACC deems the cost breakdown insufficient and requires Utility to remove it from its books, all Advance in Aid of Construction refunds due under this Agreement will immediately cease.

6. The following paragraph is hereby added as Section I.1:

I. Well Site.

- (1) Before Final Acceptance from the Utility, K-Ranch shall make any and all necessary upgrades, repairs, and/or replacements to the existing eastern well site (including pump and appurtenances) so it will be designed and constructed to supply sufficient capacity to accommodate the water service requirements of the entire Development at build-out as well as being in good operating condition as required by Utility. Pursuant to the Westland Resources Water Master Plan Update dated June 4th, 2012, the new well pump will be required to provide a minimum of 162 gpm to provide sufficient capacity for the entire Development.
- (2) The new upgrades to the existing eastern well site (including pump and appurtenances) shall be constructed, tested, and inspected to the satisfaction of the Utility and any governing agency as outlined in Section 2.A. This shall include, but not be limited to, conformance with the Utility's requirements, specifications, pump testing, chlorination testing, and bacteriological testing. All testing results must be sent to the Utility for review and approval.
- (3) At such time that any well is upgraded to the necessary pumping capacity, it shall carry a two (2) year warranty by Developer starting at the time of



Utility's Final Acceptance of this upgrade. K-Ranch is required to make all necessary upgrades to the existing well site, prior to any water meter being released, to ensure that it has sufficient capacity for the entire Development at build out. After all necessary improvements are completed; K-Ranch shall be responsible to have the well site retested to the satisfaction of Liberty Utilities.

- To protect Utility in the event of a sudden well site failure within the two year warranty period that cannot be immediately addressed by Developer in a satisfactory manner approved by Utility, the Utility and Developer agree that the following will be done; Developer warrants that it shall pay Liberty Utilities for all funds necessary to repair and/or replace necessary items to restore the well site to the same operating condition that it was in prior to the failure or to serve the existing connections by other means on a temporary basis not to exceed three (3) weeks in length (unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Utility) in a expeditiously manner in the event the well site suddenly fails or decreases in pumping capacity to a level that it may not be able to serve the existing customer base. In an emergency situation as determined by Utility, Developer warrants that it will pay Utility its requested amount within five (5) business days from written notification by Utility. In the event Developer fails to reimburse Utility for payment of requested costs, the Developer acknowledges that Utility can stop accepting any additional homes from receiving utility service from that point in time. In addition Developer further agrees that Liberty Utilities has a right to place a lien on Developer's project known as Kings Ranch to aid in its collection its associated funds necessary to make Liberty Utilities whole. Developer agrees that Liberty Utilities is entitled to receive all legal costs, filing costs, costs to collect including a carrying cost of unpaid funds that equal ten percent (10%) annually, interest carry from the first day payment was due.
 - 7. The following paragraph is hereby added as Section III.D
- D. <u>Adequate Water Supply</u>. Developer shall obtain from the Arizona Department of Water Resources a Certificate of Adequate Water Supply (CAWS) for the Development.
 - 8. Section IV is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

The Development received its Approval to Construct from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on June 27, 2006. The majority of the infrastructure was initially constructed under the guidance of Dunafon Development, LLC which was mainly completed in 2007.

- 9. Section V.A is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
- A. Amount of Advance. Based on the costs contained in Section I.B, and Utility's estimated costs of administrative overhead and estimated legal fees contained in Section I.D, the estimated advance by the Developer shall be a total of \$3,048,986.48 in value of plant being installed ("Advance").

10. The following numbers in Section V.C shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

"2007" shall be changed to "2013" "141" shall be changed to "152"

"281" customers shall be "300" (303 platted lots, less 3 storm water recharge basin use lots)

11. Section VI shall be amended as follows:

Developer: K Ranch, LLC

1601 Paseo San Luis, Suite 202

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 Attn: Karol George

Utility:

Bella Vista Water Company

dba Liberty Utilities

Attn: Development Services

12725 W. Indian School Rd, Suite D-101

Avondale, AZ 85392

12. The following paragraph is hereby added as a new Section VIII - CC&N Extension.

Utility will submit an application to the Commission to extend Utility's current CC&N to include that portion of the Development currently outside the CC&N, provided that Developer has given Utility all documents and information required. Such information will include, but is not limited to, the Master Water Report, costs of facilities within the proposed expansion area, approvals to construct and approvals of construction, and CAWS. Developer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the CC&N extension, including but not limited to all legal costs for processing the application at the Commission. Utility shall provide Developer at least thirty days (30) days notice prior to filing a CC&N extension application with the Commission.

Each party represents that it is a sophisticated commercial party capable of understanding all of the terms of this First Amendment, that it has had an opportunity to review this First Amendment with its counsel, and that it executes this First Amendment with full knowledge of the terms of the First Amendment.

END OF FIRST AMENDMENT

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this First Amendment.

Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. dba Liberty Utilities an Arizona public service corporation

By: Aregory & Sorensen
Title: VP and General Manager

STATE OF ARIZONA)	
) ss.	
County of Maricopa)	

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of 2013 by Gregory Sovensen, P General Manager of Bella Vista Water Company dba Liberty Utilities, an Arizona corporation, on ballal of the corporation.

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My Commission expires: 9-22-2016

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K Ranch LLC an Arizona limited liability company

Manager

STATE OF ARIZONA)
County of Cochise) ss.)
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My Commission expires: 05/29/2013

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Exhibit 12 (Water Use Data Sheet)

COMPANY NAME: Bella Vista Water Co., Inc.

Name of System: Bella Vista South System ADEQ Public Water System Number: 02007

WATER USE DATA SHEET BY MONTH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

MONTH/YEAR	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	GALLONS SOLD	GALLONS PUMPED	GALLONS PURCHASED
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JULY '12	9,198	107,555,841	98,670,450	
AUGUST '12	9,206	84,607,630	95,590,370	
SEPTEMBER '12	9,209	86,873,636	86,615,780	
OCTOBER '12	9,200	81,611,704	95,524,160	
NOVEMBER '12	9,204	84,376,537	79,979,990	
DECEMBER '12	9,208	74,197,263	72,471,340	
JANUARY '13	9,216	65,930,536	76,665,670	
FEBRUARY '13	9,220	66,307,664	63,578,950	
MARCH '13	9,224	60,151,821	82,296,980	
APRIL '13	9,225	80,853,607	96,072,255	
MAY '13	9,228	92,643,047	113,712,276	
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Exhibit 13 (Cumulative Plant Cost Projections.)

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Kings Ranch at Coronado Subdivision Plant Projected Years

Exhibit Schedule 1a

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Exhibit 14 (Certificate of Assured Water Supply)

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Office of Assured and Adoquate Water Supply 500 North Third Street, Phoesic, Asizona 86004-3921 Telephone 602 417-2465 Pax.602 417-2467

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Mr. Roy Tanany Arizona Department of Real Estate 2910 N. 44th Street Phoesix, Arizona 85018

> Water Adequate Supert #22-401824.0000 Subdividus Summs Enjockity Reach Owner: Densito Development, LLC Standor of lett: 281 Country Cookies

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Water provided by: Bella Vista Water Company Water Type: Geometwaner Convent water depth: 422 Bethested 100-year depth: 452 - 560 Current detiline rate: 1:38 Seeks: Upper San Pedro

Door Mr. Thursy:

Possesses to A.R.S. § 45-108, the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the available information permissing to the water supply for the above-referenced subdivision. This letter constitutes the Department's report on the subdivisions were supply as required by A.R.S. § 45-108(A).

Assognacy of the 103-year water supply was reviewed by the Department with regard to physical, legal and continuous availability, and to determine if the water supply is of adequate quality. Information synthetic to the Department informs that the applicant has ratiofied the adequate water supply requirements at act furth in A.A.C., R12-15-715 at seq. Therefore, the Department of Water Rustment finds the water supply to be adequate to most the subdivision's projected needs. Any change to the subdivision or its water supply phase may invalidate this decision.

This inter is help forwarded to your affice as required by A.R.S. § 45-108. This law requires the developer to hold the recordation of the authinosist water supply. By copy of this report, the Cocaline County Recorder is being officially satisfied of the developer's compliance with the law. Because of the possibility that a future count proceeding could result in a legal determination that water withdrawn from wells in this area is surface water, the Department secondards that your office include the following strangent in all promotional autorial and contracts for sale of lots in the sublivision:

"Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-184 and A.A.C. R12-15-715 stong., the Department has determined that the water supply for the Kinjockity Exach subdivision is adopting. I.e. that the water supply is physically, continuously and legally available to artisfy the applicant's 186-year projected water demand; and that the water supply is of sudiable water quality. However, the legal-scathability of the water withdrawn from wells in this zero may be the subject of court action in the festere as part of a determination of surfage water rights. Whether future sourt action will have an effect on the legal availability of the water gapply for the proposed subdivision caused by determined at this time."

If you have any genetions, plasse contact D. Holden at (602) 417-2448.

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Cochine County Planning and Zoning Cochine Commy Records: Damell Damelon Ains R. Dolancy, AD

Celebrating 25 Years

RE: Question on revising 100 year water adequacy letter to reflect new ownership and subdivision name

Doug W. Dunham (dwdunham@azwater.gov)
Thu 6/09/11 1:09 PM
'Michael Cerepanya' (mgcerepanya@hotmail.com)
'Larry Saunders' (keg_lsaunders@msn.com)

Michael-

There is no ownership change requirement in the water adequacy program outside of the AMA's. The only issue would be substantive changes to the plat. And in that we are primarily concerned with increases in the number of lots or increase in water demand that would require a re-review of the available water supply. Even in that case a 10% change is allowable without the need for a new water report. If you do have minor changes to the plat we can issue a confirmation that it does not require a new water report.

Douglas W. Dunham, Manager

Recharge, Assured & Adequate Water Supply Programs

Water Management Division

Arizona Department of Water Resources

3550 North Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Exhibit 15 (ADEQ Approvals to Construct)



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT WATER FACILITIES

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ADEO FBe No: 20060433

LTF No: 40072

System Name: Bella Vista Water Co

System Number: 02007

Project Owner: Dunafon Dvimp, Llc

Address: 6254 N. Sabino Shadow La., Tucson, AZ: 85750

Project Location: Sierra Vista

County: Cochise

Description: WATER SYSTEM FOR 281 LOTS OF KINJOCKITY RANCH

DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF A NEW WELL (ADWR #55-204088).

100,000-GAL AND 400,000-GAL STORAGE TANKS, 5,000-GAL

HYDROPNEUMATIC TANK, BOOSTER PUMPS, AND DISTRIBUTION

SYSTEM

Approval to construct the above-described facilities as represented in the approved documents on file with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is hereby given subject to provisions 1 through 5 continued on page 2 through 2

- 1. This project must be constructed in accordance with all applicable laws, including Title 49, Chapter 2, Article 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes and Title 18, Chapter 5, Article 5 of the Arizona Administrative Code.
- Upon completion of construction, the engineer shall fill out the Engineer's Certificate of Completion and forward it to the Southern Regional Office located in Tucson. If all requirements have been completed, that unit will issue a Certificate of Approval of Construction. R18-5-307(B), Ariz-Admin.Code. At the project owner's request, the Department may conduct the final inspection required pursuant to R18-5-507(B); such a request must be made in writing in accordance with the time requirements of R18-5-507(C), Ariz. Admin. Code.
- 3. This certificate will be void if construction has not started within one year after the Certificate of Approval to Construct is issued, there is a finit in construction of more than one year, or construction is not completed within three years of the approval date. Upon receipt of a written request for an extension of time, the Department may grant an extension of time; an extension of time must be in writing. R18-5-505(E), Ariz. Admin. Code.
- 4. Operation of a newly constructed facility shall not begin until a Certificate of Approval of Construction has been issued by the Department. R18-5-507(A), Ariz. Admin. Code.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT WATER FACILITIES ADEQ File No. 20060433

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5. Water storage tanks and hydropneumatic tank shall comply with AWWA D103 and ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels respectively. They shall also be disinfected to AWWA or Engineering Bulletin No. 8 standards and the sites shall be graded to drain away from the tanks.



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



1110 West Washington Street - Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771 2300 - www.azdeq.gov

October 1, 2010

Ken Komenda Kings Ranch LLC 10092 S. Wilderness Rd. Hereford AZ 85615

Re: Kings Ranch Estates

Time Extension for Approval to Construct Water Facilities (ATC)

ADEQ File No. 20060433

New LTF #53254

Dear Komenda:

Your request dated September 28, 2010 for a time extension of the above referenced ATC is approved and the time limit to begin construction is extended up to June 27, 2011. All the work should be consistent with the plans and specifications approved by ADEQ and the approval certificate issued on June 27, 2006. Please be advised that time extensions are not automatic or certain. If this time extension approval expires, a new ATC may be required to be obtained.

If you have any questions, please call (602) 771-4677.

Sincerety,

Janak Dagi

Janak Desai, P.E., Manager Drinking Water Facilities Review Unit Water Quality Division

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cc: Michael G. Cerepanya MGC Consulting LLC

4536 E. Miller Canyon Rd. Hereford AZ 85615

Northern Regional Office 1301 W. Route 66 + Suite 117 + Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (928) 779-0313 Southern Regional Office 400 West Congress Street * Suite 433 * Tucson, AZ 8570? (520) 528-6735

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Exhibit 16 (Water Conservation Statement)

WATER CONSERVATION STATEMENT

Kings Ranch at Coronado has been platted as a Conservation Easement Subdivision, originally platted as Kinjockity Ranch. It encompasses 840.72 acres of which 50.76% or 426.72 acres is set aside as a conservation easement which is left in its natural state. This allows for water recharge and limits the amount of water usage in over half the site. The Conservation Easement is held by Arizona Conservation Easement Stewards, Inc. (A.C.E.S.) to protect the integrity of the easement.

The owners of the project have partnered with Cochise County to be part of its pilot Storm Water Recharge Program and has deeded to Cochise County 3 lots to be used for storm water recharge. They have also entered into an agreement with Cochise County and A.C.E.S. to allow for portions of the Conservation Easement to be used for Storm Water Recharge.

Additionally, the owners have recorded the AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS FOR KINGS RANCH AT CORONADO on February 16, 2012 with the following section on water conservation:

Section 10.36 <u>Water Conservation Measures</u>. The Developer and the Association recognize that water resources within Cochise County are extremely valuable and shall be conserved. All homes built on any Lot are encouraged to make use of either grey water irrigation or rainwater harvesting. All landscaping plans shall include xeriscaping. All construction shall include water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

All landscaping shall consist of low water use, drought tolerate plants as defined by Cochise County and/or the Arizona Department of Water Resources and/or the University of Arizona. Hot water re-circulating systems shall be installed and maintained in each home. Evaporative coolers as the sole source of air conditioning shall be prohibited, provided, however, that dual systems shall be allowed. Any evaporative cooler shall employ reasonable water recirculation technology.

The Association shall formulate other rules and regulations for the conservation of water. Each Owner shall be required to maintain the water conservation measures set forth herein after construction of the home. Grading and drainage may be modified so as to allow use of natural drainage to irrigate trees and other landscaping provided such modifications to drainage do not have an adverse impact upon any adjacent Property or Lot.



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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BELLA VISTA WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA DOCKET NO. WS-02465A-13-0207

RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT

Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Water) Corp., f/k/a Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. ("Bella Vista" or "Company") hereby submits this Response to the Commission Staff Report filed in the above-captioned docket on October 4, 2013 ("Response"). By filing this Response, Bella Vista seeks clarification of Commission Staff's second recommendation, which states:

"Since Staff is concerned about a continued over-reliance on Advances in Aid of Construction (AIAC) and Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC), the Company is placed on notice that, to the extent possible, it should plan to fund future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt in order to bring more balance to its capital structure."

FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY ANALYSIS

In its Report at Exhibit 3, Commission Staff provides a financial and regulatory analysis that looks at the combined impact of AIAC and CIAC as a percentage of capital funding of the Company water infrastructure. Staff concluded that, with the addition of

the Kings Ranch subdivision and the funding provisions of the Water Line Extension Agreement, Bella Vista would have a combined total AIAC and net CIAC (\$13,090,172) representing 63% of total capital. Unfortunately, Staff does not provide any explanation why a combined AIAC and net CIAC funding ratio over 30% in harmful to private, investor-owned utilities and their ratepayers.

Bella Vista understands that an over-reliance on CIAC can be harmful to a utility because a lack of rate base is likely to impact the financial viability of the company. However, of the combined AIAC and CIAC that constitutes 63% of the Company's capital, only \$607,241 is net CIAC – or roughly 4.6%. As such, the majority of capital has been funded through AIAC, which is consistent with the Commission's policy of growth paying for growth. In addition, as one of several Liberty Utilities' operating companies within the state of Arizona, Bella Vista has access to capital and debt markets (though its parent corporation) that other small private was companies do not have. As such, the risk of financial insolvency due to a less than ideal AIAC and CIAC ratio of capital should be of less concern.

The Company also requests clarification on what Staff is referring to by "fund [ing] future infrastructure needs with equity and long-term debt." Does this infrastructure only include off-site facilities and backbone plant? For instance, is Bella Vista expected commit funds or incur debt to find and develop new sources of water in the absence of growth, or an extension of its service area? In Decision No. 72241 (April 7, 2011), the Commission approved a Hook-Up Fee tariff for the Company that will be used to build plant that is "part of an overall capitalization that is designed to equitably apportion the overall costs of service in a manner that allows rates to remain within a reasonable range over time." Is Staff's second recommendation consistent with this charge? Likewise, what mixture of equity and long-term debt is reasonable given the current impact of AIAC and CIAC in total capital? Further explanation by Staff will assist Bella Vista in

1	evaluating the substance of the notice recommended by Staff, and determining the means
2	necessary (to the extent possible) for compliance, provided the recommendation is
3	reasonable in light of Decision No. 72241.
4	CONCLUSION
5	Bella Vista agrees with the analyses and conclusions contained in the Commission
6	Staff Report, and respectfully seeks clarification concerning Staff's second
7	recommendation so that the Company can fully address the issue, and any concerns that
8	might arise, during the hearing in this matter.
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10	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of October, 2013.
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